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Part 2

September 5, 1888– November 5, 1888, Letters Sent from Mint Headquarters

Fair copies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

Some of these letters duplicate those of Entry 1, and others are responses to letters in those boxes or in Entry 229 “Letters Received.”

September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of one million dollars ($1,000,000.–) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $430,000.– to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States

Mint at Philadelphia, be increased in the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000.—) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of that institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars ($430,000.—) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account, with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended Aug. 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:-

The original copy of this form having in some way been mislaid or lost by the printer I will thank you to cause another copy of the blank to be sent.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the issue of duplicate check to Clark, Dodge & Co., I would say that the original check and duplicate check and affidavit must be destroyed and the original certificate and affidavit forwarded with your accounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Your statements of domestic production, deposits and purchases and bars manufactured of gold and silver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, are returned herewith for correction as indicated in pencil.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

Your statements of domestic production (Form 61) and bars manufactured (Form 61½) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, are returned herewith for correction as indicated in pencil.

Please make the necessary corrections and return the statements promptly.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the

27th ultimo relative to sweeps for the fiscal year 1888, I think that hereafter it would be better for you to work the granules and scrapings of your crucibles and the slag and broken crucibles into base bars, as is done at the other assay offices, and forward them to the mint at Philadelphia with your other bullion at the close of the year. I presume you have the same facilities for doing this that they have at Denver, Boise and Charlotte. At those institutions no sweeps are ever sold, except barrel sweeps once in a number of years, which have accumulated, but ordinary grains and scrapings are washed and ground and run into base bars and shipped the mint, and the mint has never objected to receiving them. It would be for the interest of the government to do this.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

S. Guthrie, Esq.
Room 91, Corcoran Buildg,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department, a bill of the Union Pacific railroad company, amounting to $40.–, for the transportation of one passenger from Ogden to Council Bluffs during the month of July, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

September 5, 1888.

Mr. T. S. Murphy,
Zanesville, Ohio,

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of August 30, I send you copy of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to the identity of the coins enclosed with your letter and herewith returned to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

James C. Hallock, Esq.,
124 West 104th St.
New York City,

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo requesting copies of the Mint Regulations, you are informed that the Bureau has no copies for distribution.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Mr. D. Proskey,
853 Broadway,
New York City,

Sir:-

Replying to yours of August 20, I enclose copy of a communication received to-day from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, fully explaining the delay in answering your letter relative to imperfect proof coins sent you and disavowing any responsibility for the correspondence referred to by you.

If you have a press-copy of your letter of the 20th of August I will thank you to forward a copy of it to this Bureau, as the original appears not to have reached the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Three hundred thousand from Handy and Harman correct.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 1st instant submitting the appointment of Alexander Devine as a clerk in your office, vice Dunn resigned, says "This appointment to take effect on the 8th proximo." Please explain whether the 8th of October is intended, or whether this is a clerical error.

His bond is held and action upon

the appointment is withheld pending your reply.

Respectfully yours
R.E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

September 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $8,000.–, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

September 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5,000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 6, 1888.

To
The Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.
Baltimore,
Md.

Gentlemen:-

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing your account in duplicate and bill of lading for 20,000 pounds of Copper shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans on the 4th instant.

I return herewith your account with the request that you will receipt the same and return to this Bureau as it will facilitate the payment thereof.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $224.10, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries —— 1889 ——— $224.10.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letters, similar except as to amounts, to

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

+ + + $2,300.— + + +

Salaries	1889	$1,000.—
Wages of Workmen	1889	1,300.—

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

+ + + $2500.—

Salaries	1889	$800.—
Wages of Workmen	1889	1200.—
Contingent Expenses	1889	500.—

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York

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+ + + $6,000.—

Salaries	1889	$3,200.—
Wages of Workmen	1889	2,000.—
Contingent Expenses	1889	800.—

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + $17,500.—
Salaries — 1889 — $3,500.—
Wages of Workmen 1889 — 14,000.—

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + $485.40
Salaries — 1889 — $285.40
Wages of Workmen } 1889 — 200.—
Contingent Expenses }

September 6, 1889.

Messrs. H. Marquardt & Co.
P. O. Box 64,
New York,

Gentlemen:- In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, you are informed that silver is only coined on government account and not for individuals.

Defaced and mutilated U. S. silver coins are purchased by the mints of the U. S. when presented in sums of $3.— and upwards at a price which the superintendents may be authorized to pay for silver bullion on the day presented.

Mexican dollars possess only a bullion value and are purchased by the mints at the market price for silver bullion as fixed from time to time by this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1888.

Telegram.

Fourth National Bank,
New York

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

September 7, 1888.

Telegram.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 7, 1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank - 75,000 ounces at $0.925-
Handy & Harman 50,000 ounces at 0.925-3

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1888.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Col.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety two and half cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

August 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant

Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of one million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.-) and that $75,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance $25,000.- with First National Bank of Helena, Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 369, dated Sept. 3, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 8, dated August 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $\$12870^{76}$, charges $\$31^{46}$ and net value $\$12,839^{30}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letters, similar with exceptions as noted below, to

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Deposit Memorandum 374, dated Sept. 4, 1888 + + + + + shipment No. 7 + + + + + $\$31,384^{65}$ + + + $\$81^{04}$ + + + $\$31,303^{61}$. +

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 368 + + + + + + shipment No. 70, dated Sept. 1, 1888 + + + + + $\$14,826^{55}$ + + + + $\$39^{33}$ + + + + + $\$14,787^{22}$ +

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September 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 50/100 Dollars ($30,940.50) in gold coin and Three Hundred, Sixty Three and 11/100 Dollars ($363.11) in silver coin, making a total of Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Three and 61/100 Dollars ($31,303.61), being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. as shown by memorandum No. 374, dated Sept. 4, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Two (2) letters to same address, similar except as noted,

+ + + Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. + + + + + +
$12,766.— + + + + + $73.30 + + + + $12,839.30
+ + + + Assay office at Charlotte + + + memorandum No. 369, dated Sept. 3, 1888 + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + + + + + + + +

+ + + Assay office at St. Louis + + + $14,593.—
+ + + $194.22 + + + + $14,787.22 + + + + + +
Assay office at St. Louis, Mo. + + + memorandum No. 368, dated Sept. 3, 1888 + + + + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + + + +

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September 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Assay office at Helena, be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$75,000.- with Assistant Treasurer at New York and
25,000.- with First National Bank of Helena, Helena.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 8th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 60.000 Ounces at $0.9250

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company receipted in duplicate for 20,000 pounds of copper shipped you on the 4th instant, amounting to $3,450.–. Upon receipt of the copper, you will please forward the company a draft for the amount.

I have requested that $3,450.– be advanced you from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver dollars and placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York to enable you to pay this account.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution, during the Month of September 1888, has been approved for the sum of $17200.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$ 2700
Wages of Workmen	1889	4000
Contingent Expenses	1889	2500
Coinage Standard Silver Dollars		8000

Hereafter please do not draw in excess of $5000 from your appropriation for wages of workmen.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $24500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$ 4500
Wages of Workmen	1889	20000
Contingent Expenses		

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion"

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

September 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $11,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet, in part, the expenses of that coinage at your mint, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 8th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery, S. S. Dollar Coinage Tr. Storage & Rem'l of Steam Power Plant Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

September 8, 1888.

To
The Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your account for 20,000 pounds of copper shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans on the 4th instant, has been transmitted the Superintendent of that institution, who has been instructed upon receipt of the copper, to forward you a draft for the amount, viz: $3,450.–

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 10, 1888

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 5th instant requesting an increase in the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.–) lawful money to be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, I have to request that this sum be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the Assistant Treasurer at New York through the Treasurer's General Account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 10 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco be directed by telegraph to ship that amount to the Superintendent of said institution.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1888.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant in reference to the disposition of the old fence, you are authorized to sell the same at private sale, taking care to secure the best possible price therefor, depositing the proceeds in the Treasury and forwarding the original certificate of deposit to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.) and that the same be shipped you by the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, in gold coin.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 10, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

September 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Herewith is returned for correction of a clerical error, Form 125, "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay", Mint at San Francisco, for August, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 11, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($21,809.$\frac{50}{100}$,) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{60}{100}$ Dollars ($276.$\frac{60}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand and Eighty-six $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars, ($22,086.$\frac{10}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum No. 400 dated Sept. 7th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 11, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the Sum of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one 00/100 Dollars ($40,771.00/100,) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Twenty-two 98/100 Dollars ($322.98/100,) in Silver Coin making a total of Forty-one Thousand and ninety-three 98/100 Dollars, ($41,093.98/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 399 dated Sept. 7, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 11, 1888.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit memorandum No. 400, dated Sept. 7, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6 dated Aug. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $22139.34, charges $53.24, and net value $22086.10. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution & that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 11th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Blank forms for estimating the appropriations that will probably be needed for the maintenance of the Assay Office at Boisé City during the fiscal year 1890 were mailed you yesterday.

You will please estimate for only the absolutely necessary expenses likely to be incurred in the period that the appropriation will be available.

Under the head of "Contingent Expenses" should be stated in detail the items and quantities of supplies estimated for.

Printed instructions for your information and guidance are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

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+ of the Assay Office at Helena + +
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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Assay Office at Charlotte

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Assay Office at New York

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Assay Office at St. Louis

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Mint at Carson City

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Mint at Denver

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Mint at New Orleans

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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+ + Mint at San Francisco +
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Sept. 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $6500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$1,700
Wages of Workmen,	1889	2,300
Contingent Expenses,	1889	500
Parting & Refining Bullion		2,000

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Sept. 11, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 399, dated Sept. 7, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipments No. 14 A & B dated Aug 31, 1888 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$41,195.99/100, charges \$102 01/100, and net value \$41,093.98/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100 000 Ounces, at \$0.9388

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 250,000 Ounces, at \$0.9388

Zimmermann & Forshay 25,000 Ounces, at $0.9370

September 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at the U. S. Mint at New Orleans during the month of August and forwarded to this Bureau for assay have been received, viz:

Twenty Four (24) Standard Silver Dollars	$24.–

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia

Twenty Eight (28) Standard Silver Dollars	$28.–
Thirty (30) Dimes	3.–
Two (2) Double Eagles	40.–
Total Value	71.–

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

San Francisco

Twenty Four (24) Double Eagles	$480.–
Fourteen (14) Eagles	140.–
Two (2) Standard Silver Dollars	2.–
Twelve (12) Quarter Dollars	3.–
Total Value	$625.–

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September 11th 1888.

Robert S. Hatcher Esq.,
Lafayette, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 7th instant, you are respectfully informed that the first annual report of this Bureau was for the fiscal year 1873, and they have been published every year since.

In addition, the Bureau has published a report on the production of the Precious Metals in the United States annually, commencing with the calendar year 1880.

The reports of the transactions of the Mints prior to 1873 were published annually by the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, and a portion of each has been embodied in the Finance Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 11, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and eighty-eight hundredths cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed

Sept. 11, 1888.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed

Sept. 11, 1888.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 12, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($450,000.–) on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
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Director of the Mint.

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Director.

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Secretary of the Treasury.

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Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You are informed that a contract has been made with the Adams Express Company for the transportation of Silver dollars from your mint to Washington for storage at the rate of $2.30 per $1,000.- which is payable from your Silver profit fund.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $450,000.- to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name on account of profits on the coinage of Standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your bullion quotations for September 1st have not been received at this Bureau. Please forward the same at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sept. 12, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

One million transferred from Philadelphia to your credit with Assistant Treasurer New York. Return certificate to Assistant Treasurer Philadelphia, for cancellation.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Telegram
Confirmed

Sept. 12, 1888

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Two hundred and fifty thousand ounces purchased from Handy and Harman, at ninety-three eighty-eight.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Bureau as early as practicable the following statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

1st A statement of the several denominations of minor coins forwarded by the

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Treasurer for exchange and received in exchange by you during the year.

2nd Cost to the Mint of minor coins available for recoinage with the new metal added.

3rd A Statement by denominations of minor coins shipped to the different states and territories during the fiscal year 1888.

5th A statement showing by denominations the types of minor coins struck and remelted during the fiscal year 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is very desirable that you should coin a supply of dimes as early as practicable as the demand upon the Treasury for the same is increasing and you will take such steps as will enable you to meet promptly any demand that is made by the Treasury. This can be best done by keeping a supply constantly on hand

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo, requesting a transfer of $2,500,000.– in gold coin from your bullion fund to the Treasury of the United States, I have to state that the Treasurer of the United States has agreed to gradually make the transfer by selling exchange on San Francisco, or in other words for gold coin deposited by the banks of San Francisco with the Assistant Treasurer at New York to order a like amount of gold paid out by you and which you will treat as a transfer from your bullion fund.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

On my return to the Bureau I find a number of changes and appointments still held for approval, and that changes have in my absence been approved in the adjusters' department whereby Mrs. Maltman has been removed greatly to the disappointment of Senator Hearst and Representative Felton. Their representations to the Secretary have led to a request on his part that this lady be reinstated as soon as may be, unless there is some reason unknown to the Department for her dismissal.

I take the present occasion to say that the number of changes by you adverse to highly esteemed employees far exceed changes of any kind at the other institutions, and that, as it seems, no such person can be removed at your institution without causing protests to this Department and appeals for reinstatement. In referring to you names of applicants there never has been any expectation that vacancies would be created in favor of such applicants.

I regret that the two removals in the adjusters' department received in my absence the sanction of this Bureau without lapse of sufficient time for representations by way of protest and appeal.

By your letter of the 13th ultimo I find a number of appointments and promotions depending on the removal of William Hulbert, in charge of the cabinet and conductor. Referring you to my letter of May 20, 1887 I may say that I am disposed to take the same grounds against the appointment of a successor to the present incumbent of an office which I then held, and still think, should expire with the present incumbency.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1888

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of Domestic Production for August, returned herewith, I find that 175.19 Std. ozs. silver is credited

to North Carolina.
Is not this amount intended for the production of New Mexico?

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $1015.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$250.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	665.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	
Repairs of Building & Grounds	1889,	100.
		$1015.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

September 13, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 15th ultimo in reply to one from this Bureau of the 10th, relative to stamping the name of Alfred Eoff on the mint receipts, I would say that as the mint receipts are semi-negotiable papers I adhere to the opinion expressed in my previous letter that it is preferable to have the name written, and that a rubber stamp should not be used for that purpose.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 4th ultimo on the subject of Sewer tax for years since 1880, I have to request an explanation of what is referred to in the fourth paragraph of your letter by "10th July 1881." If it is the date of payment of any bill or date of any communication on file please transmit copy.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 13th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 15th ultimo in reply to one from this Bureau of the 8th, I have to say that if you will forward with your bullion accounts the authority of the depositor to pay the proceeds to the bank it will answer all purposes. You can have a form printed for this purpose if necessary.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $150.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion"

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

September 13, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday in regard to imperfect proof coins sent to Mr. D. Proskey of New York has been received.

I am not disposed to continue the correspondence any longer with Mr. Proskey.

If you have any suggestions to make to him you can do so direct.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1888

Mr. Alfales Young
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 1st instant offering for $2,500. to sell certain "Deseret"-coinage dies, I have to inform you that there is no appropriation at the disposal of this Bureau out of which such dies could be paid for, even if they were valuable for any historical, numismatical or public purpose, which I am disposed to doubt.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13, 1888.

Telegram

Hon. W. M. Evarts,
U. S. Senate.

Director of the Mint will call upon Chairman of Library Committee about matter of Francis medal at eight thirty this evening, if the Senator is without engagements.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 14, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-,) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending August 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 14, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 14th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the dates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 60,000 Ounces at $0.9675

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Zimmermann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces	at $0.9650
Hesslage Colgate & Co.	100,000 Ounces	at $0.9670
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	50,000 Ounces	at $0.9650
Handy & Harman	75,000 Ounces	at 0.9675

September 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7145 for $216.44 being on account of unexpended balance of "Wages of Workmen" of your mint for 1888 inclosed in your communication of the 12th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

See next page

3 Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address: (see page 292)

C. D. No. 7146 for $57.69

unexpended balance of "Salaries" of your mint for 1888

C. D. No. 7147 for $9,500.00

unexpended balance of "Contingent Expenses" of your mint for 1888

C. D. No. 7148 for $56.68

unexpended balance of appro^{n} for Removal of Steam Power Plant of your Mint,

personal credit to be given you in your Steam Plant accounts,

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September 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2000. from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sept. 14, 1888.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Sept. 14, 1888.

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

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Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street
New York.

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Sept. 14, 1888.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram cancelling first offer received. Offer of fifty thousand ounces, at ninety-six fifty, accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sep. 15, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 15, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($50,217.00) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Six $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($406.$\frac{80}{100}$,) in Silver Coin making a total of Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars, ($50,623.$\frac{80}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 421 dated Sept. 12, 1888, of Gold deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 15, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the Sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Seven 00/100 Dollars, ($10,607.00) in Gold Coin, and Sixty-one 09/100 Dollars ($61.09/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-eight 09/100 Dollars ($10,668.09/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 425 dated Sept. 13, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Sept. 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) in Gold Coin and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, by telegraph.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Upon comparison of the balance to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer as shown by your daily statement of May 31, it is found that you claim the sum of $88,125.42 as the amount subject to your drafts on account of the bullion fund while the statement of the Assistant Treasurer of your accounts for the same date gives the amount as $59,440.81, a difference of $28,684.61. Upon an examination of your daily statements and list of checks drawn it appears that this difference arises from the fact that you are in the habit of making payment for gold contained in deposits and not having bars on hand to pay for the silver, you do not enter the check drawn on your daily statement until you have sufficient silver bars on hand to complete the payment.

You should enter on your daily statement all checks drawn in payment for gold on the day they are drawn. A difference of a similar character between your daily statement and the statement of the Assistant Treasurer is shown between your account and the Assistant Treasurer's statements in June and July.

You will hereafter enter on your daily statements the amount paid by check on the day the same is issued.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 15, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 421 dated Sept. 12, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8 dated Sept. 8th, 1888 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$50,707.\frac{84}{100}$, charges $\$104.^{\underline{04}}$ and net value $\underline{\$506\,23\frac{80}{100}}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 15, 1888

Assayer U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The question raised by your letter of August 27 has been raised by other institutions and the difficulties overcome. At the Assay Office, for instance in New York, where the transactions in doubtful deposits are much more numerous than at your institution, the Register of Deposits is now returned to this Bureau free from the stated objection. Whether this is from the use of a preliminary blotter or by transfer of improperly entered deposits I am not aware. Either method can be readily applied without erasures in either side of the book, it being simply necessary to indicate trans-

-fers from one side to the other at the discretion of the registrar.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exception as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

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September 15, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

The erroneous use by you of the word *proximo* in your letters submitting the appointments of Marshall and Devine has compelled a change in the records of this Bureau in the case of the former, and occasioned delay in the approval of the latters appointment until to-day.

My letter of approval of the 18th instant in the case of Marshall is changed to read to take effect Augt 16th, instead of Sept. 1st, in order to correct his record.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 15, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Replying to yours of July 9, 1888, on which action has been deferred pending a question whether the proposed survey would be accepted as final by this Department, I am now able to say that, this question having been apparently favorably decided by the Secretary of the Treasury, you are requested to communicate what steps you would propose to take for the re-survey and at what cost the work could be executed, to be paid for out of the contingent appropriation for the Assay Office at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 15th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, your attention is respectfully directed to the charges imposed on certain deposits hereinafter enumerated. On the following gold deposits, each containing over 100 base, a charge of 4 cents for refining is imposed, whereas the regulations require 5 cents, viz: Assay Nos. 1609, 1721, 1737, 1824, 1835, 2126, 2142, 2288, 2447, 2801, 2678, 2708, 2770, 2915 and 2938.

It is presumed that the reason a lower rate than that prescribed by the regulations is imposed on these deposits is that the base is copper, but if the deposits are refined the copper is lost, and I see no reason why they do not come under the general schedule of charges for refining gold deposits, which requires that whenever there is over 100 base metal contained an additional cent per ounce gold should be imposed.

In the case of gold deposit, assay No. 2583, no alloy charge is entered on the abstract sheets, but the sum of 70 cents the amount which should have been imposed for alloy, is included in the column of parting and refining. I presume that this 70 cents has been covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

I find that in the case of deposits of gold not requiring to be parted or refined, payable in fine bars, no melting charge is imposed. I do not understand that the melting charge is included in the charge for making fine bars. Certainly the regulations make no exception in this class of cases. In the case of deposits of Silver bullion for bars a melting charge is imposed in addition to the bar charge. You will please explain why the same is not done in regard to gold deposits.

Unless it is of some importance to you I should prefer that the parting and refining charge should not be divided between the gold and Silver on your abstract sheets but simply the amount of the charge inserted. So much figuring in the column of parting and refining renders it difficult to foot.

I take occasion to repeat here what was said in a previous letter, that the figures on the silver deposit sheets are too small and indistinct, and that if it is necessary to press-copy the deposit sheets great care should be exercised that no smearing takes place. It has been with great difficulty that the accounts under consideration could be verified on account of the indistinctness of the figures.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 15th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets of your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, on which are entered the gold deposits of the quarter, your attention is respectfully directed to the following errors in the charges imposed.

Deposit No. 501, assay No. 587, the rate of parting should be 4 cents an ounce instead of 3 cents.

Deposit No. 505, assay No. 643, the rate for parting should be 3 cents an ounce instead of 4 cents.

Deposit No. 738, assay No. 875, the alloy charge should be 15 cents, whereas 10 cents was imposed.

Referring to the re-deposits of gold bullion, that is the deposits of the bars of the Denver mint and the minor assay offices, at your institution, I notice that the melting charge is imposed in but few instances. If these bars can be assayed and their value determined without a melt, it is proper, under the regulations, as explained by your Assayer in his communication on the subject, that no melting charge should be imposed: but a charge of $1.00 is imposed, for melting on each deposit, the value of which is to be returned in coin, at the institutions whose bars are redeposited at your Mint. The consequence is that there is a large accumulation of charges at the minor assay offices, the amount of which is covered into the Treasury annually as a miscellaneous earning: whereas if the melting charge were imposed on each deposit at your Mint by the minor assay offices a larger amount would be carried to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, and a correspondingly smaller amount could be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous earning.

On all deposits at your Mint of the same grade of fineness as those received from the minor assay offices, a melting charge is imposed, and I presume that the operation of melting is performed, and it is not clear why it is necessary to melt bars deposited by private individuals or firms for the purposes of assay and not bars of the same grade of fineness from the minor assay offices.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of a letter addressed you by the Melter and Refiner, suggesting that in order to increase the number of melts of silver ingots to be delivered to the Coiner daily from forty-five to sixty, three melters be detailed from the force to light all the fires at 7 a. m. as long as may be necessary. The suggestion of the Melter and Refiner is hereby approved.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
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September 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Replying to yours of August 1, authority is hereby communicated for two additional Reichhelm Furnaces. Any suggestions for improvement in their manufacture should be made by the Assayer preliminary to the ordering of the furnaces.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
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Sept. 15th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accts. with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 15, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Coin one hundred thousand dollars in dimes as early as practicable.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 15, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 425, dated Sept. 13, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 71 dated Sept. 11, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10694.31/100, Charges $26 22/100, and net value $10,668.09/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 15, 1888.

The Helena Steam Heating
and Supply Co.
Helena Mon.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 30th of June, last, for balance of account for Steam Heating Plant purchased for the use of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mon., amounting to $740.30 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 17, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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September 17, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis for the Month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 17, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.–) and that the same be placed to your credit with the

Assistant Treasurer of the United States
at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 17, 1888.

Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Your bullion shipments No. 15, 15a, b. & c made in four invoices is not in compliance with instructions of the Bureau of August 7. In future you will consolidate all shipments made on the same day into one invoice.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary account for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sept. 17, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Can you ship Treasurer two thousand dollars in dimes on outstanding order to-day: Answer.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 17, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

How soon can you coin fifty thousand dollars in dimes? Answer.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 17, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary account for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 17, 1888.

Mr. Frank Nicholson,
3424 Lucas Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

But for my absence from Washington I should have considered it my duty before now to have informed the President of your extreme delay in qualifying for the office to which, upon urgent solicitation on your own part and that of personal friends in communication with you, you were appointed by the President at my suggestion.

You are now requested to state definitively whether you propose to qualify for the office of assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at St. Louis, and if so, on what day.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a gold life saving medal for Captain Thomas Sampson, struck under Act of May 14, 1888 as requested in your letter of August 20th.

I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the Mint for the same amounting to $50.75 and for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him, through this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($70,725.$\frac{00}{100}$;) in Gold Coin and Nineteen Hundred and One $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($1901.$\frac{57}{100}$,) in Silver Coin making a total of Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty six $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($72,626$\frac{57}{100}$, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 433 dated Sept. 14th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 18, 1888.

Mr. Perry C. Smith,
Chief Appointment Division,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I return herewith documents embracing a pamphlet of April 3, 1872 ("Report on the U. S. Mint", by R. W. Taylor, First Comptroller of the Treasury; 30 pp.), accompanied by a manuscript copy of the same (67 pp.).

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Penn.a & Star Union Line Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of February, 1888, from Washington to Chicago of One case stationery amounting to 85c consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Wages & Contingent Expenses of your office, fiscal year 1888.

Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

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of the Union Pacific Railway Co., + + +

+ + March, 1888, from Council Bluffs to Granger of one case stationery + + $2.62

+ + + + + +

+ + + + + +

Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

+ + + + + +

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+ + + + + +

+ Union Pacific (Oregon short Line Division)

+ + + March, 1888, from Granger Wy. to Nampa, I.T. of one case stationery + + $1.97

+ + + + + +

Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

+ + + + + + +

See next page:

See page # 312 -

Union Pacific (Idaho Central R.R.) Railway Co.,
April, 1888,
from Nampa to Boisé City
one case stationery $.25

Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Missouri Pacific Railway Co.,
May 1888,
St. Louis to Kansas City
two cases stationery, $.86

Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1888,
Duplicate B/L herewith.

Vandalia Line Railway Co.,
May 1888,
Washington to East St. Louis two
cases of stationery, $1.35

Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

Five (5) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to,

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

see next page:

See page #313.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Chicago and North Western Railway Co.,
December, 1887.
Chicago to St. Paul two crates Furnace, and one box Marble Slab, and two cases Fire Clay, $4.29

Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate bill & B/L herewith.

Union Pacific (Utah & Northern Division) Railway Co.,
February, 1888.
Pocatello I.T. to Silver Bow, Mon., one case Stationery $2.03
Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

Union Pacific Railway Co.,
February, 1888.
Council Bluffs to Granger, one case of Stationery, $3.47

Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

Union Pacific (Oregon Short Line Divn.) Railway Co.,
February, 1888,
Granger to Pocatello one case Stationery .19¢
Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1888
Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

See next page.

See page #312.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Northern Pacific Railway Co.
March, 1888,
Garrison to Helena, Mon. one box stationery, $ 1.33

Contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

One (1) Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Union Pacific (Main Line) Railway Co.
February, 1888,
Council Bluffs to Ogden two Pkg's of stationery $ 6 32

Contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

Sept. 18, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 433 dated Sept. 14, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 15 dated Sept. 8, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$72,812.92, charges \$186.35, and net value \$72,626.57. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 18, 1888

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mon.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find official bond of Alexander Devine recently appointed clerk of your office. It will be observed that the date in the body of the bond has been omitted. I will thank you to cause it to be inserted and return the bond at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 18th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant

Treasurer at New York:
Clark Dodge & Co. 100000 Ounces, at $0.9707

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Zimmermann & Forshay	20,000 Ounces,	at $0.97
Fourth National Bank	100,000 Ounces,	at $0.97
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	75,000 Ounces,	at $0.97
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9707

September 18, 1888.

S. Guthrie, Esq.
Room 91 Corcoran Buildg.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the accounting Officers for examination and settlement the following bills of U.P.R.R. & branches:

U.P. Trans. of Stationery in Feby, Council Bluffs to Ogden En route to San Francisco.	$ 6.32
Or. Short Line, Council Bluffs to Granger. Stationery to Helena.	3.47
Utah & Northern. Pocatello to Silver Bow " "	2.03
Or. Short Line. Granger to Pocatello "	.19
U.P. Council Bluffs to Granger " Boisé City	2.62
Or. Short Line. Granger to Nampa " "	1.97
Idaho Central. Nampa to Boisé " "	25

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 18, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety seven and seven hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent, to:

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Sept. 18, 1888.

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Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent, to:

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay.
11 Wall Street
New York.

Telegram

Confirmed

Sept. 18, 1888.

W. H. Harries
San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed.

September 18th, 1888.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street.
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety seven and seven hundredths cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, (\$13,938.$\frac{50}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Ninety-five $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars, (\$295.$\frac{03}{100}$,) in Silver Coin making a total of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-three $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (\$14,233.$\frac{53}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé, as shown by Memorandum 5442, dated Sept. 15th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 19, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City for the Month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 442, dated Sept. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7 dated Sept. 8, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $14,268.$\frac{53}{100}$, charges $35.$\frac{00}{100}$, and net value $14,233.$\frac{53}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 19, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Although you have not explained the necessity for the two Reichhelm Melting Furnaces for which requisition is made in yours of August 4, I presume that the requisition has been well considered, and therefore author-

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Sept. 19, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City for the Month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 442, dated Sept. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7 dated Sept. 8, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $14,268.$\frac{53}{100}$, charges $35.$\frac{00}{100}$, and net value $14,233.$\frac{53}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending August 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 19, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Although you have not explained the necessity for the two Reichhelm Melting Furnaces for which requisition is made in yours of August 4, I presume that the requisition has been well considered, and therefore author-

-ize you to contract for them.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Replying to yours of August 1, asking my approval of an expenditure of $172. for cementing one hundred and seventy-two square yards of the floor of the cellar of your building at one dollar per square yard, I send you herewith my approval, assuming that this improvement is a desirable one in the direction of neatness and dryness and as tending to promote proper care of the new steam plant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 19th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 70,000 Ounces, at $0.9707

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia:

Sir:

Please forward Form 125 "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay," Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of August.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of to-day, in regard to Minor Coin remittance acknowledgments, I am advised by the Chief of the Stationery Divn that the order has been made special and the blanks will be delivered in a day or two. In case of necessity however, you are authorized to have a sufficient quantity printed to supply your wants.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If you will sign and return the enclosed voucher in duplicate to this Bureau, it will facilitate payment of your account for one Gold Life Saving medal forwarded on the 17th instant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

September 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co. request that you will receive the silver sold by them on the 14th instant (100,000 ounces at 96.70 cents) from the Bank of the State of New York and make payment therefor to the same. You are authorized to comply with their request stating on the usual account of delivery, forwarded to this Bureau that the same is delivered on account of Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.

They also desire an extension of time in which to complete delivery of 50,000 ounces on the above sale. An extension of time until the 30th instant as requested, is granted.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1888.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 18th instant, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to receive silver on account of your sale of the 14th instant of 100,000 ounces at 96.70 cents per ounce from the Bank of the State of New York and to make payment therefor to the same.

An extension of time will be granted on

account of the above named contract until the 30th instant in which to complete delivery.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Sept. 19, 1888.

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 20, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

Without further explanation on your part I do not feel warranted in authorizing the purchase of more than a single one of the Wooton desks, and the wall case, as per yours of July 23, which I do herewith, giving to you the selection of one of the two desks designated.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, I have to inform you that there have this day been forwarded for official use in the Mint at San Francisco fifty copies each of blank forms numbered 47, 60 61, 83, 95-1-2, 226, 232, 233; 250 of number 48, and 500 of 231 a.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 20, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 20, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
San Francisco.

See letter of twelfth instant, in reply to yours of thirteenth ultimo.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Sept. 20, 1888.

David Enright, Esq.,
Topographer,
Post Office Dept.

Sir:

Please furnish this Bureau with the shortest distance by railroad from New Orleans, La. to the following points, viz:
Cairo, Ga. Fernandina, Fla., Jonesboro, Ark.,
Yorktown, Texas, Clayton & Warrior, Ala.

Please return the enclosed letter.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Southern Pacific Co. Central Pacific Railway Co. for the transportation in the month of December, 1887, from San Francisco to Reno of 14 Tanks Sulphuric Acid, and returning Tanks, amounting to $344.95 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address.

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+ + + + + +
Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Co.) Railway Co. , +
+ + + + January, 1888
+ San Francisco to Reno + 14 Tanks Sul-phuric acid, amounting to $275.41 +
+ + + + + +
+ + + + + +

+ + + + + +
+ + + + + +
Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Co.) Railway Co. ,
+ + + + January, 1888,
+ Ogden to Reno + one Carload of coal +
+ $84.60 + + + + +
appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint,

fiscal year 1888.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

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Sept. 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9675

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exception as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9675

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Sept. 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans as early as practicable fifteen pairs of standard silver dollar dies. Complaint is made that dollar dies, Nos. 68, 69, 70 and 86, obverse and reverse, are too soft. You will please instruct the engraver to see that the dies are properly tempered.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Co.) Railway Co. for the transportation in the Month of December, 1887, from Ogden to San Francisco of one box, scales, amounting to 99¢, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1888.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 21, 1888.

Telegram

nfirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-six and three quarter cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Sept. 21, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 21, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

Sept. 22, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Until further notice, pay for silver contained in gold deposits, at the rate of 86 cents per ounce standard.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 86 cents per ounce standard.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Until further notice, pay for silver, contained in gold deposits, at the rate of eighty six cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Mon.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The correct distance as furnished by the Post Office Department to certain places named in your letter of the 17th instant is as follows, viz:

Cairo, Ga.	451 miles.	Clayton Ala.	422 miles.
Fernandina, Fla.	642 "	Warrior Ala.	372 "
Jonesboro, Ark.	460 "		
Yorktown, Tex.	520 "		

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 22, 1888.

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San Francisco, Cal.

onfirmed. Have no present requirement for silver at San Francisco.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 24th, 1888.

Wm. F. Switzler, Esq.
Chief, Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I beg to request at your hands the annual statement of imports and exports of gold and silver during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, prepared in a manner similar to the table for the preceding year, published on pages 225-231 of my annual report for the fiscal year 1887.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sept. 24, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-five and half cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sept. 24, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-five and half cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 24, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Orders for dimes must be filled. Report immediatly what can be done.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

September 25, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer, Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Please telegraph average market value of lead at given points for eighty-seven, and freight on base bullion to given works. Also charges for desilverization.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 25th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co, 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9425.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find your statement of silver purchased from Sept. 1, to Sept. 15, inclusive, returned for correction, as indicated in pencil.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept, 25, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Will be satisfied with coinage of nineteen hundred thousand silver dollars this month.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 25, 1888.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please transmit, on the new blank sent you, Form 125, "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay," for August, in lieu of the one on the old blank, returned.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 25, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and one quarter cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street,
New York.

Sept. 25, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11, Wall Street, New York.

Sept. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-six 00/100 Dollars, ($10,476.00/100,) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Seventeen 69/100 Dollars ($319.69/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-three 69/100 Dollars, ($10,793 69/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum No. 473 dated Sept. 22, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 26, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 473, dated Sept. 22, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8 dated Sept. 15th 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10821.88, charges $28.19 and net value $10793.69. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 28th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith your Bullion and Coin Accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, for your signature.

The accounts with the operative officers, also returned, should be signed by them, as well as yourself.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

September 26, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Give returns in ounces of gold and silver separately on argentiferous copper and matte for eighty-seven by telegraph.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Entered in Mining Book, No. 2, page #170.

Sept. 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive, and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 65000 Ounces, at $0.9425.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, making request for fifteen pairs of Standard Silver Dollar Dies, and in which complaint is made by you that dollar dies, Nos. 68, 69 and 70, obverse and reverse, were too soft. I have to request that you will forward those three pairs of dies to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia as early as practicable for examination by the engraver.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and Settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 26, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction or explanation your Coinage Statement for August. According to your telegram of the 31st ultimo there was a coinage last month of $58,000, in quarter dollars. In your report on Form No. 246 the same amount is stated to have been coined in half dollars.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

September 26, 1888.

Mr. C. A. Kinney,
Cashier Bank of Ipswich,
Ipswich, Dakota.

Sir:

Draft No. 6999 of the Bank of Ipswich on the First National Bank of Springville, New York, for $40. enclosed in your letter of the 22d instant with request that equivalent in dimes and nickels be sent you, has been received and endorsed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who has been instructed to ship to your address twenty dollars in five-cent nickel pieces and hold the remaining twenty dollars subject to your order, communicated to him direct, it being contrary to Department regulations (printed copy herewith) to transport for applicants fractional silver coins in sums of $20.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1888.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
19 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of the 25th instant I am compelled to say in the matter of making counter offers against semi-weekly bids for silver, that they cannot be made by the Department beyond its immediate requirements for silver.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1888.

Henry Troemner, Esq,
#710 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is required by the New Orleans Mint eight (8) Adjusting Balances which I will thank you to manufacture and forward to that institution as early as practicable, provided you are willing to furnish the same at the price, viz $41.25, as named in your letter to this Bureau under date of February 15, 1888 transmitting your account in duplicate for the same.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 26th, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Anglo-Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

No requirement for Silver at San Francisco Mint.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 26, 1888.

To the
Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:–

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, you are informed that no purchases of Silver will be made for delivery at the San Francisco Mint unless the coinage of silver should be resumed at that institution.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 28, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000.-,) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending June 30th 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 28, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 28, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Statement of checks drawn on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York on the 27th instant is returned herewith for your signature.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia forwarded to you on the 27th instant by express, fifteen (15) obverse standard silver dollar dies, #137 to 151 inclusive and fifteen (15) reverse standard silver dollar dies, #126 to 140 inclusive.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1888.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 210 for $\$14,480.^{82}$, being on account of Melter and Refiner's Surplus inclosed in your communication of the 26th instant has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

September 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to close your accounts with the annual appropriations for the fiscal year 1888, on the last day of this month and to deposit unexpended balances without delay. Any bills which may be presented afterwards will be forwarded to the Department for payment.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 28th, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Please forward Refinery Operations, form 95, for March, April, May, and June, 1888, also same for fiscal year; operations of the Melter & Refiner's Department form 95½, and operations of the Coiner's Department for each month of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion account for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

September 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7157 for $31695.05 being on account of minor coinage profits, inclosed in your communication of the 24th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "Profits on minor coinage".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

September 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7159 for $319.25 being on account of "Old material" inclosed in your communication of the 25 instant, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 28, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar Telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street New York.

Sept. 29, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks at Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 29, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Banks at Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sept. 29, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of June 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 1st, 1888.

Wm. F. Switzler, Esq.,
Chief, Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to request that "Trade Dollars" be classed under "Silver Coin" in a separate classification from other silver coin.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1st, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco instructed by telegraph to pay draft for Ordinary Expenses.

R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

October 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined, during the month of October, one million (1 000 000.) standard silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 230 for $200.00 being on account of special assays inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Two similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 231 for $2,001.29 + + + sale of by-products + +
C. D. No. 234 for $44.10 + + + sale of old material + +

October 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 235 for $238.^33^, being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 236 for $14,174.^75^, being on account of Parting and Refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7163 for $44.^00^, being on account of assay fees inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 1, 1888.

Messrs. Houghton & Dutton,
P. O. Box 5157,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing check for $1000.– on the Maverick National Bank of Boston with the request that a like amount of pennies be sent you. I return the check herewith with the information that I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States that you can obtain the coin from the Assistant Treasurer in your city.

All orders for minor coins which can not be obtained from the Assistant Treasurer should be sent to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia and not to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1st, 1888.

J. W. Ashhurst, Esq.
Cashier, Aiken County Loan & Savings Company,
Aiken, South Carolina.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing your check on the Continental National Bank of New York for $20.– and requesting that a like amount in nickel coins be sent you, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to whom the same should have been addressed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 2nd, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

C.D. No. 908 for \$66.00 being on account of ore assays inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

October 2, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

C.D. No. 909 for \$68.72, being on account of profit and loss inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Confirmed

October 2, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegraph amount of bills of Southern Express Company for shipping silver dollars in July and August of this year separately.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Confirmed

October 2, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegraph amount paid Southern Express Company for May and June, separately.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct^{r} 2^{d}, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100000 Ounces, at $ 0.9525

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct^{r} 2^{d}, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir.

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive, and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Zimmermann & Forshay 25,000 Ounces, at $0.9525
Handy & Harman 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9525
Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9515

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 2, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir.

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 2nd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is called to an error in the bill of Palmer, Cunningham & Co. of Jany. 30, 88, (Voucher "DD" of your supplemental account for June) for 1/4 Doz. pairs Brass Hose Clamps @ 35¢ each. The amount is extended in the voucher at $2.10, and is so charged in the abstract instead of $1.05, the correct amount. If this difference cannot be satisfactorily explained the excess will be disallowed in the account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 2, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegraph amount of bills of Adams Express Company for shipping silver coin and minor coin separately in June, July and August of this year, separately.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2nd, 1888.

Charles F. Macdonald, Esq.,
Supt. Money Order System,
Post-Office Department.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 8th June last requesting this Bureau to fix

quarterly

(I have the honor to state that the value of the Peruvian sol,)
the value of the Peruvian "Sol" based on the average price of silver in London during the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is $0.67,3.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 2d, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-five and one quarter cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 2, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-five and quarter cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 2, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer received at 2.40 P.M. Too late for consideration and is declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 2d, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 2, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Your Offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Oct. 2, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forchay
11 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 3, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and nine 44/100 Dollars, ($7,509.44,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-two $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars ($\$142.\frac{05}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-one $\frac{49}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$7651.\frac{49}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, as shown by Memorandum No. 516, dated Sept. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 3rd, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the Sum of Forty-four Thousand and Thirty $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$44,030.\frac{39}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{08}{100}$ Dollars ($\$572.\frac{08}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Two $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$44,602.\frac{47}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum No. 506 dated Sept. 28th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 3, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 510, dated Sept. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9, dated Sept. 22, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be \$7669.$\frac{51}{100}$, charges \$18$\frac{02}{100}$; and net value \$7651.$\frac{49}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 3rd, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction.

The amount of charges collected for melting, assaying and stamping should be \$392.72 according to your accounts as rendered to the Government. You have the amount \$392.89.

The amount of the grains, fluxes and sweepings from the deposit melting room should be \$67.09 instead of \$66.92.

Please return this statement with a corrected one and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3rd, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Oct. 3rd, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 506, dated Sept. 28, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Denver, Shipment No. 9 dated Sept. 24, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $44720.90, charges $118.43, and net value $44,602.47. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 3rd, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your annual statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction. The amount of contingent expenses should be $5,471.27. You have the amount entered as $4719.66. Please return this statement with a corrected one and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Hereafter, commencing with the present fiscal year, you will render the bills for distribution of silver coins, accompanying your bullion accounts, in such a manner that they will show the amount expended each month for distribution and for incidental expenses, the latter including labor and boxing separately, with a total. You will have each bill numbered to conform to the same number on the abstract which will accompany them, so that the abstract of disbursements may be readily checked.

by the vouchers. The abstract will show the expenses each month, as well as for the quarter, for the shipment of silver dollars and for other expenses, such as labor and material, and incidentals, separately.

You will please issue the necessary instructions to have the bills for the quarter which has just ended prepared in this manner before your bullion and coin accounts are forwarded to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Octr 3d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 60,000 Ounces, at $0.9525

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed find returned for corrections (indicated in pencil) Form 125 "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay," Mint at Philadelphia, for September.

Also, for inserting of footings omitted, Form 125 for August.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3rd., 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, herewith returned, your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that you have entered the amount of contingent expenses for the quarter as $22,824.75, and adding the two items of $7.50 and $2.03, afterwards reported to this Bureau, would make the amount of your contingent expenses, according to your accounts, $22,834.28. According to your accounts as rendered the amount should be $22,484.28.

I enclose a statement showing the contingent expenses of your Mint for the quarter according to your accounts.

I will thank you to amend the item in the statement herewith returned in red ink, and return the statement to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Referring to your annual statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year, your attention is directed to the item of contingent expenses which is entered as

$114,063.71 or, with the two additions of $7.50 and $2.03, since reported, $114,073.24.

The amount expended for contingent expenses, according to your accounts, was $113,723.24, as per enclosed statement.

I will thank you to amend this item in red ink on the annual statement, and return it to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

Contingent Expenses

[Less amount paid for wastage and loss on sale of sweeps of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.]

For the quarter ended June 30, 1888.

Month 1888	Contingent Appropriation.	Storage.	Total.
April	$5,210.72	$33.75	$5,244.47
May	4,098.92	2.00	4,100.92
June	4,878.33	4.50	4,882.83
Supplemental	8,256.06		8,256.06
Total	22,444.03	40.25	22,484.28

Contingent Expenses.

[Less amount paid for wastage and loss on sale of sweeps of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.]

for the fiscal year 1888.

	Contingent.	S. P. Plant.	S. S. D.	Total
September 30, 1887	$5,919.83	$35,448.49	$2187.98	$43,556.30
December 31, 1887	18,128.93	7,553.16	4,355.25	30,037.34
March 31, 1888	15,461.57		2,183.75	17,645.32
June 30, 1888	22,444.03		40.25	22,484.28
Total	61,954.36	43,001.65	8,767.23	113,723.24.

October 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction.

You have the amount expended at this Department from your contingent appropriation $258.05. The correct amount is $255.36.

Please return this statement with a corrected one and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City, Idaho.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 4th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy four 14/100 Dollars, ($16,174. 14/100) in Gold Coin, and Seventy-six 74/100 Dollars ($76 74/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty 88/100 Dollars, ($16,250. 88/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 511 dated Sept. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 4, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nine Thousand and ninety-one 88/100 Dollars, ($9,091. 88/100) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty 08/100 Dollars ($150. 08/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-one 96/100 Dollars, ($9241. 96/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay

Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 523, dated Oct. 1st, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 4, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($550,000.–) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 4, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boisé City National Bank.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 4th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Ida.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of deposits and purchases [form No. 60] for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, you have the standard weight of the silver received at your institution during the year 20,869.04 standard ounces. According to your bullion accounts as rendered to the Government the amount is 20,868.75 standard ounces: a difference of .29 standard ounces.

This error occurred, in part, in the statements for the quarter ended September 30, 1887, the amount of silver entered on the statements for the three months comprising the quarter being 8,270.37 standard ounces, while the amount entered in your accounts is 8,270.32: a difference of .05 standard ounces. The remainder of the error occurred in the statements for the quarter ending December 31, 1888, the amount, according to your statements, being 5,502.98 standard ounces, while the amount entered in your accounts is 5,502.74 standard ounces.

Your annual statements Nos. 60 and 61½, for the fiscal year and for the six months July to December, 1887, inclusive are herewith returned for correction. You must be aware that the amounts entered on these statements must conform to the amounts entered in your accounts; and it would facilitate the business of this office greatly if they were checked by your accounts each month before they are forwarded to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your annual statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction.

You have entered the amount of charges collected for melting, assaying and stamping as $1,156. The amount should be $1,156.60.

You have the amount of freight bills paid by the Department entered as $137.20. According to the books of this office the amount paid for freight from your appropriation for the fiscal year 1888 was $121.33. I will thank you to forward a statement showing by items the amount of each bill going to make up the $137.20, and if you find that the amount should not be $137.20 but $121.33 you will please enter the latter amount on the corrected statement.

You will return the enclosed statement with a corrected one and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 3d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following awards made by you for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, are approved:

John Taylor & Co.,

200 lbs. nitre	@	$0.09	per lb.
25 " Oxalic Acid	"	0.16	" "
15 gals. Alcohol, 95°	"	2.50	" gal.
6 Bottles Ammonia (24 lbs.)	"	0.18	" lb.
10 lbs. Sal. Ammoniac	"	0.18	" "
3 " Argol	"	0.15	" "
2 Bls. Bone Ash	"	0.03¾	" "
5 lbs. Granulated Lead	"	0.17	" "
100 Muffle Bridges	"	7.50	" doz.

Hootman and Rodenbah.

15000 Bu. Charcoal.	"	0.28	" bu

C. O. Bailey

6 dz. Prs. Buck Gloves	"	13.50	" doz.

Justinian Caire

150 lbs. Assayer's Lead	"	0.10	" lb.
2000 " Carbonate of Soda	"	0.03¾	" "
100 " Litharge	"	0.07½	" "
20 " Phosphorus	"	1.00	" "
1 Ream Sweedish Filtering Paper	"	27.00	" Ream
6 Doz. B. L. Crucibles (Dixons) #100	"	39.60	" Doz.

Justinian Caire.

12 Doz.	B. L. Crucibles (Dixons)	#90	@	$35.64 per Doz.
12 "	" " "	#80	"	31.68 " "
12 "	" " "	#60	"	23.76 " "
12 "	" " "	#45	"	17.80 " "
2 "	" " "	#35	"	13.86 " "
2 "	" " "	#8	"	5.00 " "
2 "	" " "	#12	"	6.00 " "
2 "	" " "	#6	"	4.20 " "
2 "	" " "	#20	"	7.92 " "
250	French Clay "	#9	"	1.25 " "
2 Doz.	" " "	#16	"	7.50 " "
5 "	Nests Sand Crucibles	5 in a nest	"	1.30 " "
1 "	French Clay "	#10	"	1.75 " "
1 "	" " " "	#8	"	1.00 " "
30 "	Genuine French Annealing cups		"	1.25 " "
100	Black Lead Covers	#2	"	0.09 each
20	" " "	#16	"	0.20 "
8 Doz.	Dipping Cups (Dixons)	#2&3	"	0.60 "
1/2 "	Porcelain Evaporating Dishes	10 in.	@	1.75 "
2 "	Litmus Paper		"	0.04 per sheet
200	Parting Flasks	4 oz (cone shape)	"	2.75 " doz.
150	Mint Muffles Pr.		"	10.00 " "
24	Test Tubes	5 x 5/8	"	0.35 " "
12	" "	8 x 1/4	"	0.75 " "

M. Cohn.

6 Doz.	Rubber Gauntlet Gloves	@	21.00 per doz.
1000 yds.	Crash	"	0.11½ " yd.
500 "	Heavy Muslin	"	0.10 " "
6	Bales of Blankets	"	2.37 " pair

J. M. Douglass.

300,000 lbs.	Sulphuric Acid 62°	@	0.03¾ per lb.

Baker and Adamson.

1000 lbs.	C. P. Nitric Acid	@	$ 0.23 per lb.
20 "	" " Muriatic "	"	0.23 " "

Muller Schmitt and Co.

150 lbs.	Dairy Salt	@	0.01¾ " "
20 "	Gasoline	"	0.35 " gal
1 can	Lubricating Compound	"	3.00 " "
30 lbs	Albany Compound #2	"	0.55 " lb.
60 gal.	Lard oil	"	1.25 " gal.
6 Doz.	Dust Brushes	"	12.00 " Doz.
2 "	Wire "	"	9.00 " "
6 "	Scrub "	"	6.00 " "
150 lbs.	Yellow Soap	"	0.05½ " lb.
200 "	Castile Soap	"	0.16½ " "
2 Doz.	Whisp brooms	"	5.00 " doz.
3 "	Cotton Mops	"	5.50 " "
6 "	Brooms	"	9.00 " "
6 Boxes	Candles	"	3.25 " box
1 Ton	Cumberland Coal	"	0.02 " lb.
60 gals.	Kerosene	"	0.34 " gal.

The approval of the award for Baltimore Ingot Copper to the Baltimore Copper, Smelting, and Rolling Company, is for the present withheld.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 4, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 511, dated Sept. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9, dated Sept. 27, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$16,285.\frac{82}{100}$ charges $\$34\frac{94}{100}$, and net value $\$16250.\frac{88}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 4th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your annual statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction. The amount collected and deposited from proceeds of sale of old material was $334.49. You have the amount entered as $343.40. The amount of the bills paid from your contingent appropriation at this Department was $93.86, making your total contingent expenses for the year $4,143.25 instead of $4,119.85, as you have it.

Please return this statement with a corrected one and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October, 4th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, giving the expenses of distributing Standard Silver Dollars at the amount actually allowed in the settlement of your accounts.

You have the amount entered on the statement rendered this Bureau as $14,775.14 which does not agree with the amounts allowed in your accounts.

Please forward the statement called for at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

You will please forward a statement of assets and liabilities of your institution at the close of business on June 30, 1888, similar to that printed on page 202 of the fiscal report of this Bureau for the year 1887.

Full instructions have been given you heretofore as to the manner of preparing this statement so as to prevent duplicating any bullion from your institution reported in the balance at Philadelphia on June 30th.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

Oct. 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery S.S. Doll. Coinage & Storage & Reml. of Steam Power Plant Accounts, with abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 4th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward a statement showing the denominations and amounts of silver coin transferred to you during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, for recoinage.

Respectfully Yours, R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

October 4th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

According to your statement of deposits and purchases [form No. 60] for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, the total silver deposited and purchased at your institution during the year, including redeposits, was 17,513,366.35 standard ounces.

According to your accounts as rendered to the Government the total amount was 17,513,512.39 standard ounces: a difference of 146.04 standard ounces, which is the exact weight of the assay coin bullion charged in your accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1888.

In order to make your annual statement conform to your accounts it would seem as if this amount should be included.

Enclosed herewith I return your annual statement for the year and the monthly statements for February and March so that if the correction has to be made you will please enter it under the proper classification on these statements, and return them to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $550,000.— to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4th, 1888.

Telegram
confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Forward without delay statement showing denominations and amount of silver coin transferred for recoinage during fiscal year ended June thirtieth last.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department for stationery shipped you in July, 1888, amounting to $241.11 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year, 1889. Duplicate bill herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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October 4, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 523 dated Oct. 1st, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 72 dated Sept. 28, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $9267.98, charges $26.02, and net value $9241.96. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 5th, 1888

William F. Switzler, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to the statement of imports and exports of gold and silver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, which you were kind enough to forward on the 3rd. instant, I beg to request that a statement be compiled in the manner presented last year on page 225 of my fiscal report showing the divisions between United States bars and other bars and bullion in the imports of gold and silver bullion.

I also desire to direct your attention to two discrepancies between the annual statement as forwarded and your monthly statements. The imports of United States coin at the port of New York for the month of May has been entered on this statement as $2,430: while on your statement for the month of May the value is given as $46,228.

The imports of foreign coin are entered as $54,196 at the same port for the same month: while on your monthly statement you give it as $10,398.

In the Month of January the imports of foreign silver ores at all other customs districts is given as $337,180: while on your monthly statement for January, corrected by your letter of March 3rd, it is given as $337,130.

I return herewith the annual statement, and also the statements for January and May 1888, and your letter of March 3, 1888. Will you please make the necessary corrections and return the papers to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 5th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your Statement of Bars Manufactured during the month of September is returned herewith for correction as the amount of bars manufactured corresponds only with the amount of domestic production no credit being given for redeposits or purchases from other sources.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 5th., 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

The official bond of Alexander Devine, as clerk of your institution has been approved by the acting Secretary of the Treasury, and was yesterday referred to the office of the First Comptroller, for file.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 5, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Reduce purchasing price of silver to ninety-four and half cents, per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved for assay during the month of September and forwarded to this Bureau have been received, viz:

Twenty Four (24) Standard Silver Dollars	$ 24.–
Twenty (20) Dimes	2.–
Total Value	26

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive, and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Nesslage Colgate & Co.	30000 Ounces,	at $0.9475
Handy & Harman	250,000 Ounces,	at $0.9475
Zimmermann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9465

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.
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October 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assayer of this Bureau forwards you to-day a box containing 109.70 ounces of gold and 304.01 ounces of silver bullion resulting from the melting of special assay coins forwarded to this Bureau by the several mints during the six months ended June 30, 1888.

Of the coins forwarded there were $18.25 in subsidiary silver and in order that the Assayer may be subjected to as little loss as possible, you will take up and treat 13.56 fine ounces of the silver in your accounts as a purchase for the fractional coinage allowing full subsidiary coinage value for this amount.

For the balance of the silver you will return the coining value in standard silver dollars and the gold in gold coins.

No charge will be imposed upon this bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7168 for $554.79, being on account of bal. of contingent appropriation of your mint fiscal year 1888 inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States that he will transfer to you the coming week about $237,000.– in uncurrent silver coin for recoinage.

It is desirable that this should be coined into dimes as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint will be ninety four and half cents (94½) per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5th, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Forward annual statement of wastage and loss on sale of sweeps and reimbursements, form two hundred and eight, immediately, without waiting sale of sweeps.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 5, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 5, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams, except as noted below, addressed to:

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11. Wall Street
New York.

"Your offer accepted".

Oct. 6th, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $731.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$231 70
Wages of Workmen Contingent Expenses	1889 }	500. 00

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

$ 6,100.00

Salaries,	1889,	$ 3,300.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	800

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$ 494.80

Salaries,	1889	$ 294.80
Wages of Workmen,	1889	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889	

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

$ 2000.00

Mint

Salaries,	1889,	$ 1000.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1000.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La

$ 10,200.00

Mint

Salaries,	1889	$ 2700.
Wages of Workmen,	1889	5000.
Contingent Expenses,	1889	2500.

See next page

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Similar to letter on page 388 (to Charlotte, N.C.) except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + +

$22,500.00 + + + +

+ + + Mint + +

Salaries,	1889,	$3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	14,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	5,000

October 6th, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7104 for $1.50, being on account of sales of old material inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Five (5) Similar letters (except as here noted) to same address:

– + + + +

C. D. No. 7105 for $2.00 + + bullion Assays +

+ + + + +

C. D. No. 7103 for $112.78 + + + sweeps +
personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts +

+ + + + + +

C. D. No 7106 for $952.51 + + surplus bullion recovered +
+ personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts

+ + + (foot-note) You will charge
this amount in your coin accounts and take credit with a

Certificate of Deposit.

C. D. No. 7107 for $604.65 charges for melting assaying and stamping, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts,

C. D. No. 7108 for $643.29, surplus bullion personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts

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Oct. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000. from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

To-day

$2,000.

Oct. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $ 6000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Similar letter except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + +
+ $5,000. + + + +
+ + + + + +

October 6, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Price for silver purchased yesterday from Nesslage, Colgate & Co. and Handy & Harman should have been stated in my letter as ninety-four and seventy-five hundredths cents, and from Zimmermann & Forshay as ninety four and sixty five hundredths cents.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

October 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement showing the value of the gold and silver bars, if any, issued at your mint for use in the industrial arts during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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October 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to an over-charge of 65c which occurs in petty voucher #25 (bill for telegrams) of your Ordinary account for the month of September. The error occurs in charge for telegram to White Sulphur Springs under date of August 13th, 30 words, extended 95c instead of 30c the correct amount. (See Telegraphic Circular of July 27th, 1888, Treasury Department.)

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7166 for $4493.92, being on account of Parting and refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 1st instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, with exceptions here noted, to same address:

+ C. D. No. 7167 for $110.00 + + + alloy charges

+ + + + + + + +

+ as a "Miscellaneous receipt." + +

October 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co. request that payment for 30,000 ounces of silver sold by them on the 5th instant at 94 3/4 cents per ounce be made to the Bank of the State of New York. You are authorized to comply with their request.

I have informed Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co. that in future we will decline to make payment for silver to other than the sellers, unless they give a power of attorney to the Bank of the State of New York to receive payment for all silver sold by them.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram, I have no knowledge of the passage by Congress of bills to discontinue coinage of one and three-dollar gold and three-cent nickel pieces. I believe that such bills have passed the House of Representatives, however, and are pending in the Senate.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will please forward a statement showing the foreign gold and silver coins deposited at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

You will also forward a statement of bars issued from your mint during the fiscal year for use in the industrial arts, if any.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1888.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 5th instant requesting that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be instructed to make payment to the Bank of the State of New York for 30,000 ounces of silver sold by you on the 5th instant at 94 3/4 cents per ounce, and in reply I would state that I have this day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint to make payment as desired by you.

As it is very desirable that payments for silver should be made directly to the party selling, I have to inform you that in future we must decline to make payment to other than the seller unless a power of attorney should be given authorizing all payments for silver sold to be made to some one bank, firm or individual.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1888.

Mr. John G. Ruge,
Grand Central Hotel,
New York City.

Sir:

Draft No. 3989 of Herman Ruge & Sons, Apalachicola, Florida, on the Importers' and Traders' National Bank of New York City for $300, the equivalent value in five-cent nickel pieces to be shipped the firm named, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom all orders for minor coins should be sent direct.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 8th, 1888.

William F. Switzler, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 6th instant returning your annual statement of imports and exports of gold and silver and the monthly statements of January and May, I beg to say that the classification of imports and exports of gold and silver bullion agreed upon and as reported monthly to this Bureau by you contained the division "Bars bearing the stamp of a United States Mint

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or United States Assay Office", and "Other bars and bullion."

The annual statement which you forwarded on the 3rd instant, and which was returned, does not contain this classification.

It is important for the purposes of this Bureau to know how much of the gold and silver bullion imported and exported during the fiscal year consisted of bars bearing the stamp of Government institutions. I therefore return the statement that this division may be added.

Will you please inform me whether the distinction mentioned can be made in your office and whether I should return your annual statement for that purpose.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-five $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars, (\$34,695.$\frac{81}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars (\$343.$\frac{75}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-five thousand and Thirty-nine $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars, (\$35,039.$\frac{56}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No — dated Oct. 3, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said

Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

October 8, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery S.S. Doll. Coinage & Storage & Reml. Steam Power Plant accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the three months ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note exception on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. –, dated Oct. 3, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipments No. 10 & 10½ dated Sept. 29, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $35,123.$\frac{84}{100}$, charges $84.$\frac{28}{100}$, and net value $35,039.$\frac{56}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

or United States Assay Office", and "Other bars and bullion."

The annual statement which you forwarded on the 3rd instant, and which was returned, does not contain this classification.

It is important for the purposes of this Bureau to know how much of the gold and silver bullion imported and exported during the fiscal year consisted of bars bearing the stamp of Government institutions. I therefore return the statement that this division may be added.

Will you please inform me whether the distinction mentioned can be made in your Office and whether I should return your annual statement for that purpose.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-five $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars, ($34,695.$\frac{81}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars ($343.$\frac{75}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-five thousand and Thirty-nine $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars, ($35,039$\frac{56}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint, at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No — dated Oct. 3, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said

Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

October 8, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & S.S. Doll. Coinage & Storage & Reml. Steam Power Plant accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the three months ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note exception on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 8th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion and Coin Accounts, Abstracts, and Vouchers for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 8th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

October 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $11,000.00 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1,000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1888 has been approved for the sum of $33500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$1,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889	26,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889	6,000
		33,500

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper account-

-ing officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery, S.S. Doll. Coinage & Storage & Renl. of Steam Power Plant accounts for the three months ending September 30, 1888, with my approval, except petty voucher for telegraphic service in the Sept. Ord. account, to which your attention was called in letter of the 6th inst. The overcharge of 65c is recommended to be disallowed.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 8th, 1888.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 5th instant relative to the amount of silver deposited at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, I beg to state that in checking your annual statement with the record of your bullion accounts kept in this Bureau I find that the amount of silver which you report for the fiscal year, namely 17,513,366.35 standard ounces is less by 146.64 standard ounces than the amount entered in your accounts.

This latter amount was the exact weight of the assay coin bullion entered in your accounts as silver bullion, and I had thought that possibly you were of the opinion that this assay bullion should not be entered among your deposits and redeposits of the fiscal year.

Your letter of the 5th instant stated in a general manner that you had examined the statements and found them correct, but it did not touch upon the point of my inquiry, namely whether this 146.04 standard ounces of Silver was included in your statement, and if not whether it should not be included.

I now ask that you will inform me explicitly on this point.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return to be corrected your Coinage Statement for September. By a clerical error the total coinage is entered $2,330,000 and of gold $2,210,000, instead of $2,430,000 and $2,310,000, respectively.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1888.

Hon. Amos M. Thayer,
U. S. District Judge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The President having appointed, and the Senate confirmed, Mr. V. C. Yantis, as Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, vice Frank Nicholson, declined, the commission of Mr. Nicholson sent you May 21 is hereby recalled. Please return it to this Bureau without delay.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 8th, 1888.

Jas. Schawl & Co.,
29 John Street.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 6th instant you are respectfully informed that the same has been referred to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York with a request that he verbally furnish you with the information you desire, if you call at the Assay Office.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. be increased by a transfer of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.–) and that the same be shipped the Superintendent of said mint in subsidiary silver coin of the following denominations, viz:
Four Hundred Dollars ($400.–) in Half Dollars,
Three Hundred Dollars ($300.–) in Quarter Dollars
and Three Hundred Dollars ($300) in Dimes.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $4000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$1600.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2000.
Contingent Expenses,	1889	400.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your bullion fund to be increased by a transfer of $1,000.– and that the same be shipped you in subsidiary silver coin of the following denominations, viz:

$400.– in Half Dollars –
$300.– in Quarter Dollars and
$300.– in Dimes.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins forwarded to this Bureau for assay during the month of September have been received, viz:

Twenty Four (24) Standard Silver Dollars $24.~

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Hereafter it will not be necessary for you to telegraph this Bureau at the end of each month the number of standard silver dollars "distributed." You will continue to report this information in writing, however, and by the same mail with your confirmation of your telegram of coinage executed.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Octr. 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9440

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved and forwarded to this Bureau for assay during the month of September have been received, viz:

14 Double Eagles	value	$280.
6 Eagles	"	60.
8 Standard Silver Dollars	"	8.
40 Dimes	"	4.
Total value		352.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

As to the purchase of silver, recommended in yours of the 28th ultimo, in order "to provide ingots for coinage and to keep on hand a sufficient amount in fine bars to make prompt payments to depositors," I have to say that there is no immediate purpose of further coinage of silver dollars at your mint and that it is not deemed expedient to provide ingots in advance of actual requirement for that coinage. For any other purpose it is hoped that the amount of silver on hand will be sufficient.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 9th, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and four tenth cents, per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 9, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and four tenth cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
New York

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

Telegram
Confirmed.

October 9, 1888.

W. H. Harries
San Francisco, Cal.

No requirement for Silver at San Francisco present.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $.9440

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 10, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars, ($64,325 $\frac{37}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars ($846. $\frac{4}{100}$,) in Silver coinage. For any other purpose it is hoped that the amount of silver on hand will be sufficient.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 9th, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
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Director.

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Telegram
Confirmed.

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San Francisco, Cal.

No requirement for Silver at San Francisco present.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

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Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 10, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars, ($64,325-$\frac{37}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars ($846.$\frac{41}{100}$,) in Silver

Coin, making a total of Sixty-five Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-one $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollards ($65171.\frac{78}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. — dated Oct. 5th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 10th, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City Nev. for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 10th, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 10th, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Certificates of gold deposit numbers 140 and 220 belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, are herewith returned, the former that the number and amount of the check may be inserted on the back of the certificate and the latter that the net value of the deposit may be entered in the body of the certificate.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 10, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. — dated Oct. 5, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 16 dated Sept. 29th, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $65,331 95/100, charges $160 17/100, and net value $65,191 78/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 11, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seven Thousand and Ninety-four 26/100 Dollars, ($7,094 26/100,) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Twenty-five 92/100 Dollars ($125 92/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty 18/100 Dollars, ($7,220 18/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 8, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 11, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars ($12,453.$\frac{41}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Ninety-nine $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars ($299.$\frac{93}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty & three $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars, ($12,753.$\frac{84}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 8th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 11, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 8, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10 dated Sept. 29, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $7,238.$\frac{15}{100}$ charges 17\frac{97}{100}$, and net value $7,220$\frac{18}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution & that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 11, 1888.

Assayer in-Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $1370.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$270.
Wages of Workmen	1889	
Contingent Expenses	1889	1,100
		1,370.

This amt. for Wages & Contingent Expenses is largely in excess of amt. to which you are entitled. The quarterly allowance is only $1875.00

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.

Oct. 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a copy of Official Table of Distances published by the War Department, which will govern your payments to places enumerated in it.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram

Confirmed

Oct. 11, 1888.

Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-four cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Oct. 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Reduce purchasing rate of silver, until further notice to ninety-four (94) cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized to accept 100,000 pounds of milled and cleaned five cent blanks from Joseph Wharton, under contract of October 20, 1887, at 42.1 cents per pound as recommended in your letter of the 10th instant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 11, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 8 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 73 dated Oct. 6, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$12782.\frac{54}{100}$, charges $\$29.\frac{20}{100}$, and net value $\$12,753.\frac{34}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 11, 1888.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

Sir:

You are requested to inform this Bureau whether the repairs to the old custom-house building in which the Assay Office at St. Louis formerly had quarters have been completed. If not completed, please ascertain, if you can, how soon the building is expected to be ready for occupancy.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1888.

Mr. D. Proskey,
853 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your postal card of yesterday relative to imperfect proof coins sent you, you are respectfully informed that the communication to which you have reference was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with whom you can communicate direct.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1888.

The Press Co. Limited,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 7th instant for subscription to the Press, One year from Oct. 8, 1888 to Oct. 8, 1889, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting ~~to~~ $6.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

No copy of paper received to-day.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 12, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith estimates of appropriations for the Mint Service for the fiscal year 1890, and to offer the following explanations.

On entering upon the duties of this office in 1885, the appropriations had already been made for the fiscal year 1886. Compared with the appropriations for that year, the appropriations have been $31,525.87 less in 1887; $6,100 less in 1888 and $79,650 less in 1889. The present estimates amount to a sum $76,110 less than in the appropriations for the same year (1886).

1. Bureau of the Mint. An increase is submitted for books, pamphlets, periodicals, specimens of coins and medals, balances, weights, incidentals etc., in order to restore in part this useful appropriation to the amount from which it was reduced from the estimate in 1887 since when it has been inadequate to the requirements of the Department.

2. Mint at Philadelphia. The only increase at this mint estimated for is to the amount of $250. in the salary of the book-keeper, which I beg to commend as in my opinion for the good of the Mint Service.

3. Mint at Carson. Although its operations have been confined during the last two years to those of an assay office an estimate is submitted for the operation of this mint for coinage, in consideration of the fact that

Congress has refused to appropriate for this institution except for the full requirements of a coinage mint.

4. Assay Office at St. Louis. For a similar reason an estimate is submitted for this institution, my recommendation of the previous year to discontinue the operation of this office, on grounds of futility and insignificance of its functions, not having been regarded by Congress. An increase is submitted of $480 in order to cover the item of rent, rendered necessary by the temporary occupation by this institution of private quarters during the repair of the Government building.

5. Assay Office at Helena. The estimates for this institution, are submitted with a reduction of $1,000 in contingent expenses and an addition of $250 to the salary of the Assayer-in-charge, a corresponding reduction having been made, as it is supposed inadvertently, in the appropriations of 1887.

6. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. An addition of $360 is submitted in the estimate for this institution to cover the pay of janitor, hitherto irregularly included in appropriations for assistant custodians and janitors.

7. Assay Office at Boisé City. To meet the requirements of this growing institution an increase is submitted of $2,500 for wages and contingent expenses; also $250 to the salary of $2,000 of the Assayer-in-charge and of $200 to the salary of $1,200 of the clerk and bookkeeper, in order to compensate these officers more in measure with the value of their services and the rates prevailing

at other institutions.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 12th, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that a communication has been transmitted to this Bureau by the Department of State from William B. Mc. Master, United States Minister at Carthagena, Colombia, bearing date of September 3, 1888, in which he states: "The currency of this country is both debased and depreciated since its value was fixed in pursuance of United States laws. The coin was debased to 500/1000 fine."

I have the honor to suggest that the United States Minister to Colombia be instructed to authoritatively ascertain, and at the earliest practicable moment to report whether or not the silver peso of Colombia has been debased from the fineness of .900, at which fineness it has heretofore been valued by me in the annual estimates of values of foreign coins, and to communicate any information bearing on the subject which he may be able to obtain.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 12th, 1888.

J. Fenner Lee, Esq.,
Chief Clerk, State Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 11th instant I would say that in view of the cost of a telegram to Bolivia and the doubt as to obtaining the information desired, which relates so far as that country is concerned, exclusively to the value of the silver produced from the mines for some recent year, I will endeavor to obtain the information from London, and it will not be necessary for you to dispatch as suggested.

I should be pleased, however, if the Department of State would renew the inquiry through the diplomatic representatives of this Government in Bolivia by letter, as to the production of silver in that country during the last calendar year, or any recent year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1888.

Assayer-in-charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Mint during the fiscal year 1890, your attention is called to the fact that you erroneously report the amount appropriated for wages of workmen for the current fiscal year, which is $14,750. See Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill of July 11th, 1888, copy of which was mailed you a few months ago.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 12th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for Delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100 000 Ounces, at $0.9440
Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 70,000 Ounces at $0.9440

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Handy & Harman 125000 Ounces, at $0.9440
Nesslage, Colgate & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9440
Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9440

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October 12th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Times" and "Record", inviting proposals for one-cent blanks.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 12th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 338 for $106.00, being on account of sales of old material inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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C. D. No. 1185 for $ 4.00 + + +

+ bullion assays + + +

+ + + + + +

Oct. 12th, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and four tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street
New York.

Oct. 12, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and four tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11, Wall Street,
New York.

Oct. 12th, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Oct. 12, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces additional; accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 13, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 13, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint, at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 13, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One million Dollars ($1,000,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,

Oct. 13, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as to amounts, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

One million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-)

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

One million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-)

October 13th, 1888.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the Corrected Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, enclosed in your communication of the 8th instant, in which you give the expenses of distributing Silver Dollars at your Mint as $14,762.60, I have to say that in order to balance the Statement of Seignorage for the fiscal year (See page 198-199 of the fiscal report for 1887), and in order to show that the exact balance of silver profits on hand June 30, 1888, has been covered into the Treasury, it will be necessary to make the expenses of distributing Silver Dollars at your Mint during the year, so far as this statement is concerned, $14,744.28.

You will remember that in your Accounts for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1887 the sum of $24.80, was credited the silver profit fund as refunded by the Express Company, and in the quarter ended March 31, 1888, the sum of $1.47, making the total amount refunded during the fiscal year, $26.27. Deducting this from the total expenses of distribution entered in your Accounts for the year, - viz:

Sept. 30, 1887, - - - -	$1,301.57
Dec. 31, 1887, - - - -	6,320.98
March 31, 1888, - - - -	5,590.43
June 30, 1888, - - - -	1,557.57
Total,	$14,770.55

leaves the net expenses,

$14,770.55
26.27
$14,744.28

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as practicable, Refinery Operations, form 95, for March, April, May and June 1888, also same for the fiscal year June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to Petty Voucher No. 27 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the Month of July, herewith returned, it is impossible to verify the bill as rendered.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 13th, 1888.

David T. Day Esq.
United States Geological Survey.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a statement showing the nickel coinage of the United States during the calendar year 1887.

That portion of your letter of July 5, 1888, was overlooked.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1888.

Mr. Chas. Foster,
Cashier Farmers and Merchants Bank,
Benton Harbor, Mich.

Sir:

The bullion and coin accompanying your letter of the 10th of October, addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency, have been received at this Bureau and to-day forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will send you their value, when ascertained.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1888.

Messrs. Hesslage Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, requesting that a form of Power of Attorney be sent you in order to have payment made to the Bank of the State of New York for Silver sold by you to the government, I have to inform you that there is no special power of attorney for this purpose and therefore it will be necessary for you to have a power prepared and executed, authorizing the Bank of the State of New York to receive and endorse checks issued by the Superintendent of the Mint in payment for silver sold by you.

Please forward the power of attorney to this Bureau when executed in order that it may be approved and filed in the office of the

First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The value of the bullion (forwarded you by the Assayer of this Bureau), amounting to $2,406.18, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1888.

Hon. W. H. Evarts,
Chairman Committee on Library,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I send herewith copies in soft-metal of such of the medals struck at the Mint at Philadelphia as were mentioned by you.

I send also copies of the Life Saving Medal, which is probably the best work of the kind, done at the Mint.

These copies will at least give you an idea as to the several sizes.

These copies belong to the Bureau set.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Life Saving Medal, first-class.
" second " .
"Shipwreck" medal.
Steamer Metis Medal.
Somers Navis Americana.
Commander D. N. Ingraham Medal.
Capts. Crighton, Low & Stouffer Medal.

Oct. 16, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 16th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Ida.

Sir:

Referring to your corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888 forwarded with your communication of the 10th instant, I have to say that the statement is still incorrect.

The amount expended for contingent expenses at your institution during the year, including repairs of building, according to the books of this office, was $3,397.50.

I return herewith the statement of freight bills paid, included in your communication of the 10th instant. The bills marked with a cross were paid from the appropriation for 1887, while those added under date of September 18th were paid from the appropriation for 1888, and not included in your list.

I return your statement of earnings and expenditures that a corrected one may be returned.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 16th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 354 for $28.10 being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 8th inst., has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as noted below, to same address.

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C. D. No. 355 for $5,147.75 + + +

Parting and Refining Charges. +

+ + + + to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

+ + + + + +

+ + + + + +

C. D. No. 356 for $1,479.20 + + +

sale of copper solution + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts + +

+ + + + as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

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October 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft No. 4746 drawn by the U. S. Treasurer on Assistant Treasurer in your city for the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars, ($188.–) being the value of the coins received by this Bureau from you during the six months ended June 30 1888.

I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the same and inform me whether it agrees with the amount charged against this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, with exceptions here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + + +
draft No. 23193 + + +
+ + + Four Hundred Sixty and 75/100
Dollars, ($460 75/100) + + +
+ + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + +
draft No. 5990 + + +
+ + + One Thousand Seven Hundred
Fifty Seven and 50/100 Dollars, ($1,757.50,) +
+ + + + + +

October 16, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Shall be here to morrow.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Oct. 16th, 1888.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 40,000 Ounces, at $0.9400

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 16, 1888.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 16, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and fifteen hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 16, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and fifteen hundredth cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay.
19, Wall Street,
New York.

Oct. 16, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 16th, 1888.

E. T. Haynes, Esq.,
590, Eastern Avenue,
Cincinnati, O.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th instant addressed to the Treasurer of the United States relative to the coinage of the United States, I send you by mail to-day a copy of my report for the fiscal year 1887, on pages 240 & 263 of which you will find the coinage of each denomination of pieces from the organization of the mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 17, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$50,000.– with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York:
10,000 – with First National Bank Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 17th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.–) and that $50,000.– of this sum be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $10,000.– with the First National Bank at Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 17, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mon.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1888 has been approved for the sum of $1500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$500 —
Wages of Workmen,	1889	1000 —
Contingent Expenses,		1500 —

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 17th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in regard to 5-cent nickel blanks, you are authorized to accept 50000 pounds of the same from Mr. Joseph Wharton at 42 1/10 Cents, under his contract of October 20, 1887.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Oct. 18th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand nine Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,943.$\frac{30}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{17}{100}$ Dollars (\$275 $\frac{17}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars, (\$14,218.$\frac{47}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum No. – dated October 13, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 18th, 1888.

James F. Hyatt Esq.
Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit the usual statement for your annual report showing the assets and liabilities of the mints and assay offices of the United States under my charge at the close of business on June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 18th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. – , dated Oct. 13, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11 dated Oct. 6, 1888 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$14,252\frac{70}{100}$, Charges $\$34.\frac{23}{100}$, and net value $\$14,218.\frac{47}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 18th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Deposit memorandum of gold bullion shipped by the Mint at Denver dated October 15th is returned herewith for correction.

The net value of the deposit is stated as $\$58,633.^{45}$ while the calculations at the Bureau show it to be $\$58,634.^{45}$.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed find list of silver deposits entered as gold deposits, and gold deposit as "silver purchase", on your Register of Deposits for the quarter ended September 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 18th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward by return mail statements Nos. 11 and 12 published on page 197 of my fiscal report for 1887, covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1888.

Mr. G. Wm. Smith,
Rolla, Mo.

Sir:

The coins (eleven in number) enclosed with your letter of October 15 have been received and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will transmit you their value. As bullion, the silver coins are worth 94 cents per ounce of pure silver contained.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1888.

Joseph Wharton, Esq.,
Box 1332,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your esteemed favor of the 16th instant, with suggestions for the improvements of the Mint building at Philadelphia. I should probably concur in your views for an ideal mint building. As you are aware, however, the appropriation is a limited one, and for a specific purpose. and it does not provide for any radical alteration, such as your suggestions would involve.

I agree with you that the unoccupied spaces behind the present palings should be utilized in order to obtain additional superficies. Plans have already been prepared at the mint to this end and it remains to reconcile them to the views of the Supervising Architect, especially as to the practicability, architecturally speaking, of building out the facade to the street line, in harmony with the colonnade, in case the retention of the present colonnade is regarded important whether for architectural reasons or for the sake of economy.

I have no expectation that in matters of taste the views of mint officers would carry any great weight. Nor for my part am I willing to assume any responsibility, at least to the city of Philadelphia, for the architectural part of the proposed improvement, for the appropriation is not sufficient in my opinion, to produce any very great satisfaction on that point.

You are probably aware that in a matter

of this sort the limits of authority are coincident with the limits of the appropriation, and that no officer would be warranted in acting upon any plan beyond its present limits.

No plan has yet been discussed for the removal of the present colonnade and the building out of a wholly new façade to the street line.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 19, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

In making up my estimates for the present year I regret to inform you that I was stopped from any recommendation for increase of pay to the officers of your institution by the fact that the salaries of the Assayer and Chief Clerk are fixed by law.

The Appropriation Committee has, throughout this Administration at least, adhered inflexibly, to the rule to raise no salaries above the amounts already fixed in the Statute books.

I may say too, as a matter of experience, that it is almost hopeless to obtain an increase of pay for any officer of the Government even in cases where salaries were not fixed by law.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Octo. 19th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive, and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 225000 Ounces, at $0.9450

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed find bills of The Argus Company of Albany for the "Daily Argus from January 1, 1887 to July 1, 1888," $15.

These vouchers are returned and exception taken by the Auditor, on the grounds, it is presumed, that an Albany paper can have no importance in the transaction of the business of the mint at San Francisco, a view in which I am disposed to concur in the absence of any special explanation of these vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1888.

Mr. G. Wm. Smith,
Rolla, Mo.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that the coins of which you are desirous of disposing have only a bullion value of between three and four dollars.

The coins are held subject to your order.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 19, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed.

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 19, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and half cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street
New York.

Oct. 19, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and half cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

October 20, 1888

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

As directed in your communication of July 24, 1888, I have compiled, and have the honor to forward herewith, the information for Table No. 1 of your annual report showing the amount of Gold and Silver, coin and bullion, Gold, Silver and Currency certificates, United States notes, National and State bank notes etc. in the United States, and the distribution thereof on June 30 1888.

There have been made in the present table corrections to conform to the provisions of the bill of June 21, 1879, by deducting from the sum of fractional currency outstanding the amounts continuously estimated by the Department as lost or destroyed.

Corrections have also been made in the State Bank circulation.

The information in regard to State Bank circulation has been communicated to this Bureau by the Comptroller of the Currency. The figures published in Table No. 1 of your report for 1887 as the State Bank circulation covered only the State Bank notes reported as outstanding by National banks.

The corrected figures presented in this table include the reports to the Comptroller of the Currency of State banks, as well as National banks, showing the total notes of State banks outstanding as far as it is possible to obtain the information from reports to this Department.

It will be understood that the corrections in-

-dicated in the table herewith transmitted in the items of fractional currency and State-bank notes, will necessarily change the aggregate of circulation, which changes can be made under your direction.

The data employed in Table No. 1 of your report of last year under the same headings were not compiled in this Bureau.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 20, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Fifty-eight Thousand, and Nineteen $\frac{70}{100}$ Dollars, (\$58,019.$\frac{70}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars (\$613 $\frac{75}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-three $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars, (\$58,633.$\frac{45}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver; as shown by memorandum dated Oct. 15th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 20, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, the sum of $330,000 on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Herewith I return imperfect bonds for proposals of Peter Sonna and William N. Sanders enclosed with your letter of the 12th instant. Please have new bonds executed on forms sent you by current mail, and be careful to see that the technical requirements indicated by the printed instructions are fully complied with, in order that further unnecessary delay may be avoided.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 20, 1888.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11 dated Oct. 11th, 1888 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $58,783.90 Charges $150.45, and net value $58,633.45. For the latter amount, a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 20th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $350,000 to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

October 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 1st instant relative to authorizing the present Melter and Refiner to receipt to the Superintendent for 4,581.30 ounces of One cent Blanks erroneously charged to the Coiner in the settlement of the accounts of J. C. Booth, I have to say that it will be impossible to adjust the discrepancy in the minor coinage account without clear and concise proof of the alleged error in the delivery of One-cent Blanks by the Melter and Refiner to the Coiner.

It is important to fix the date of the alleged discrepancy in the count and to prove by other accounts the correctness of your theory as to the discrepancy itself and as to its mode of occurrence. This explanation should not be involved by argument, but be as concisely exhibited as possible, and proof made by transcripts of original entries in accounts.

It would be well for you to state more definitely in what way "Further proof of the correctness of the stand taken by Baldwin and the Coiner, is in the fact that at the Coiner's annual settlement, his accounts with the Superintendent settled accurately"; and how that bears upon the supposed error.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 1st instant relative to authorizing the present Melter and Refiner to receipt to the Superintendent for 4,5830 ounces of One-cent Blanks erroneously charged to the Coiner in the settlement of the accounts of J. C.

Letter already entered on page No 45

October 20, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With regard to Farrel's bills for locks and vault-lining, and the proposal of the Supervising Architect to pay them out of an appropriation which had not been made at the time the contract for the work was entered into, and which is for a specific purpose, including only a single vault as specified in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act of October 2, you will send the bills to this Bureau after certification of the work, along with a statement by way of protest against the charging of this work to any mint appropriation, as it was my understanding, and as it appears, your own, that this work was to be paid for from the appropriation for "Vaults, safes and locks for public buildings."

This matter should be kept by itself and not referred to in any communication you may wish to have forwarded on the subject of the reconstruction of the mint.

I return your letter of the 19th of October, in order that you may make your communications on these two subjects separately.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

October 22, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

My attention has been called to a bill in your September Ordinary Expense Account for "Tribune", three months, $3.

If this is a newspaper published at Boisé City, or even in Idaho Territory, there are precedents for allowing the expenditure, but if printed elsewhere, and its character has no relation whatever to the legitimate business of the assay Office at Boisé City, (for if taken on account of mining information the subscription would be payable from the appropriation for collection of statistics of the production of the precious metals, not from your contingent fund,) the expense is not properly chargeable to any appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish a statement showing the amount of silver transferred from your Mint to the U. S. Treasury for storage during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, also a statement of the amount of silver dollars deposited by you on account of profits with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in your city.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Collector of Customs at the Port of New York be instructed to admit free of duty "Johnston's Royal Atlas," imported for this Bureau by B. Westermann & Co. of New York City in a case (with other books) marked "B. Westermann & Co. #167 per Steamer "Etruria" from Liverpool.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

New York balance increased fifty thousand, Helena ten thousand, dollars.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

October 23d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the

Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9500

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

American Exchange National Bank	100,000 Ounces,	at $0.9500
Handy & Harman	80,000 Ounces,	at $0.9500
Zimmermann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9500

October 23rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to have prepared and forwarded so as to reach this Bureau this week, a brief review of the business of your institution during the fiscal year 1888, noting any changes of importance in the building, apparatus, processes, etc.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

October 23, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-five cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 23, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-five cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Oct. 24, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars ($14,582 $\frac{35}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars ($178 $\frac{73}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{08}{100}$ Dollars ($14,761 $\frac{08}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 20th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 24, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 24, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 20, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 12 dated Oct. 13, 1888 has been received, and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $14,797.^{78} charges $36.^{70} and net value $14,761.^{08}. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Oct. 24, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.$^{-}$) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 24, 1888.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant requesting that the instructions given you to consolidate shipments of bullion on the same day in one invoice be changed to the former practice at your office, you are informed that no good reason exists for making the change you desire, as the Philadelphia Mint divides the small bars shipped by you into such number of melts as may be convenient, the larger bars being assayed and melted separately as shown by memoranda forwarded by the mint.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 24th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to form No. 208, annual statement of wastages, and loss on sale of sweeps for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, herewith returned, I find that there was paid from your parting and refining appropriation by transfer of that amount to your coin account during the current fiscal year, the sum of $40.44 for loss on sale of sweeps.

This amount should be added to the item of loss on sale of sweeps entered among "losses", and should also be entered under the head of payments from the parting and refining appropriation.

Even if this loss was on sale of sweeps of a prior year not reimbursed until October 1887, it was not taken up in your statement of wastage and loss on sale of sweeps published on page 201 of my fiscal report for 1887 and should be included in this year's statement.

This will also increase your parting and refining expenses reported on your annual statement of earnings and expenditures from $282.70 to $323.14.

Please forward a corrected statement by return mail.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1888.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

The Power of Attorney forwarded by you constituting and appointing the Bank of the State of New York your true and lawful attorney to receive and endorse checks issued to your order by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia or the Assistant Treasurer at New York in payment of silver sold by you has been submitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, who decides that the checks themselves must be endorsed by you and not by the bank; that the checks, however, can be forwarded under cover to the bank and that the bank can sign the mint receipt accompanying the check on which it must be stated that it is in payment for silver sold by you.

It would simplify the transactions very much if you could arrange to make your sales in the name of the bank.

The Power of Attorney enclosed by you is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1888.

Mr. G. Wm. Smith,
Rolla, Mo.

Sir:

Herewith are returned as requested by you under date of October 22, the eleven foreign silver and copper coins and Silver Medal received at this Bureau with your letter of October 15.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 25, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-one Thousand and Ninety five $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollar

(\$31,095$\frac{86}{100}$.) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Six $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars (\$306$\frac{81}{100}$.) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Two $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, (\$31,402$\frac{67}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 20 1888; of Gold Bullion, deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 25th, 1888.

William F. Switzler, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the information requested for tables 27, 28, and 29 of the forthcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States, enclosed in your communication of the 23rd instant with revisions of the tables.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 25, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Forward immediately statement showing standard ounces of Gold and Silver delivered Melter and refiner, during fiscal year, surplus returned and value.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant making requisition for $4000.– from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, to pay for a carload of copper ordered by you, you are informed that inasmuch as the award made by you for copper had not been approved by this Bureau, the purchase should have been made by the Bureau and not by you.

I have, however, approved your requisition, but in future, purchases of this character will be made through the Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $4,000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 25, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 20 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 17, dated Oct. 13, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$31,476.\frac{87}{100}$, Charges $\$74.\frac{20}{100}$, and net value $\$31,402.\frac{67}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Times" of your city, amounting to $18.– for advertising for proposals for One cent Blanks – which sum is payable from your appropriation for contingent Expenses, current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1888.

Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

On your Register of Deposits have been entered during the quarter ended September 30, 1888, as gold deposits, silver deposits numbered as follows:

Receipt No.	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Standard weight (ozs. & dec.) Gold	Standard weight (ozs. & dec.) Silver
276	.032	.848	.474	12.57
305	.070	.833	1.760	20.92
32	.221	.689	6.558	20.37
52	.376	.394	6.442	6.69
8	.475	.490	30.764	31.42

Contrary to Section 3518 R.S., the abstract sheets of your accounts show two deposits paid in bars "of a less weight than five ounces":

Receipt No.	Standard weight (ozs. & dec.) Gold	Standard weight (ozs. & dec.) Silver
366	4.427	.20
97	3,481	1.32

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 26th, 1888.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Ida.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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October 26th, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Boisé City.

Sir:

C. D. No. 385 for $57.00, being on account of bullion assays inclosed in your communication of the 20th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as noted below, to same address:

+ + + + + + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 387 for $255.20 + + + charges for melting, assaying and stamping + + + + + + + +
personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts +
+ + + + + + + + + + +

+ + + + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 388 for $29.43 + + + + Sweeps +
+ + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Accounts.
+ + + + + + + + + + + + +

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

C. D. No. 84 for $502.34 + + + charges for melting, assaying and stamping + + + of the 17th instant, + + + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts + + + + +
+ + + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 85 for $18.00 + + + + bullion assays + +
+ + + 17th instant + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, + + + +
+ + + + + + + + + +

+ + + + + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 86 for $2.50 + + + + sale of old material +

+ + + of the 17th instant + + + + + + +

+ + No personal credit to be given you in your accounts.

+ + + + + + + + + + + +

Telegram Confirmed.

October 26th, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

What items of tabulated statement of expenditures include one hundred fifty-seven dollars sixty-four cents, dies and balances erroneously entered Contingent instead of Wages? Answer by mail.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

Oct. 26, 1888.

Superintendent Mint
New Orleans, La.

Pay for Silver received from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company at ninety four and half cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $383.70,

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for the manufacture of 15 pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of your Mint.

The bill will be paid from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, Act February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

For wages of workmen $368.40
" Contingent Expenses 15.30
This division will be important in
making up your tabulated Statements.

Oct. 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9455

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your tabulated statement of expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that the amount expended for wages of workmen during the year should be $437,797.59 instead of $441,493.25 as you have it on your statement. The difference, $3,695.66, was repaid during the year to the appropriation for wages of workmen of your mint on account of labor employed in the manufacture of dies.

You will please reduce the amount of labor in the proper department by the sum of $3,695.66, so that the statement will show the *actual* expenses for wages to have been $437,797.59.

The amount expended for contingent expenses should be $131,069.94, instead of $131,146.42 as you have it.

The amount of the bills paid at the Treasury Department during the year for stationery for your mint, viz: $138.18, should be added to the amount reported by you, and the sum of $214.66, repayments to the credit of your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year on account of material used in the manufacture of dies, should be deducted, making the net expenses for incidental and contingent expenses at your mint $131,069.94.

You will please add the amount of the stationery bills to the amount expended for stationery and deduct the amount repaid for contingent expenses from the items to which it has been charged.

Please return this statement with a corrected one by return mail if possible.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your bill amounting to $383.70 for the manufacture of 15 pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has been referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for settlement. The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint.

Wages of Workmen, 1889,	$368.40
Contingent Expenses, 1889,	15.30

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your Tabulated Statement for the last fiscal year your attention is called to the following errors:

You show your expenditures for Wages of Workmen to have been $210,882.98, while they should be $210,842.18. The error results from charging an item of $40.80 to this appropriation which should have been charged to your appropriation for contingent expenses. This item is the contingent expenditure from your bills, aggregating $818.40. for the manufacture of S. S. Dol. dies for your mint, and paid from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars. The remainder, $777.60 is properly chargeable to the appropriation for wages of workmen. (This is not an error that you could have avoided as the amounts chargeable to the different appropriations were not indicated in the letters advising you of the payments, which will be done in future). A further charge of $7.31 should be made against your Contingent appropriation for two small bills for transportation paid since your statement was rendered and a deduction of $10.00 must be made for the bill of the Argus Co., disallowed. These charges will show your expenditures to have been as follows:

Wages of Workmen,	$210,842.18
Contingent Expenses	69,055.41

Your statement will be changed in this Office to conform to these amounts.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 26, 1888.

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Col.

Gentlemen:

I have received a telegram to-day from the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans advising the Bureau of the receipt from you of about 65,000 ounces of Silver of which he has no advice of the purchase from this Bureau. In this connection I would state that no reply was received from you by the Bureau to the counter bid made you last Friday. I presume the matter was overlooked by you, or if sent, it was not delivered by the Telegraph Company.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 26, 1888.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and fifty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram Oct. 26, 1888.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
124 Nassau Street,
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

October 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. ~~Mint~~ Assay Office,
~~Denver, Colo.~~ Boisé City.

Sent by mis-take to Denver Colo.

Sir:

Referring to certificate of Deposit No. 385 for $57.00 receipts for bullion assays enclosed in your communication of the 19th instant your attention is directed to the fact that the instructions of this Bureau as to the kind of statement which is to be forwarded with such certificates is ignored at your office.

In order that there may be no possible doubt upon your part as to the requirements of the Department in this respect, you are again instructed to forward with each certificate of deposit, covering the receipts from assays of ore and bullion, a statement showing the name of each person for whom assays were made, the amount paid you by each, and the date.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 27th, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Forward to-day corrected tabulated statement of expenditures for fiscal year, showing expenditures for wages fourteen thousand dollars and for contingent, including repairs, six thousand one forty-two dollars ninety-five cents.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 27, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office:
Helena Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Octo. 27th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 60,000 Ounces, at $0.9455

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following errors in your Tabulated Statement of expenditures for the last fiscal year.

You report disbursements from the appropriation for wages of workmen, including Refinery, to have been $68,350.35, and for Contingent Expenses $57,673.30, they should be respectively $68,985.10 and $57,038.55.

The error is the result of charging to contingent Expenses two items for Extra labor, $610.50 Genl. Dept. proper, and $24.25 to Refinery, which should have been entered against Wages of Workmen of the Department to which they pertain.

These changes give the corrected totals as above, which agree with the Statement of Earnings and Expenditures prepared in this Office for my fiscal report, from accounts rendered by you.

I have caused your statement to be changed in the items noted.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 394 for $1077.56, being on account of Parting and refining Charges inclosed in your communication of the 15th inst, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 395 for $558.16 being on account of Alloy Charges inclosed in your communication of the 27th inst. (15th?) has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 29th, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Statement of foreign coins deposited during fiscal year not satisfactory. Forward statement similar to one on page 53 of last fiscal report.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 30, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred and Ten $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars ($34,510 $\frac{31}{100}$,) in

Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars ($429.$\frac{37}{100}$,) in Silver Coin; making a total of Thirty-four Thousand nine Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars, ($34,939.$\frac{68}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 26, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 30, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-five $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars, ($12,655.$\frac{39}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Twelve $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars ($212.$\frac{30}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars ($12,867$\frac{69}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 26th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Oct. 30, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 26, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment, No. 13 dated Oct. 20, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $\$12,901.\frac{73}{100}$, charges $\$34.\frac{04}{100}$, and net value $\$12,867.\frac{69}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Oct. 30, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 26, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint, at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 12, dated Oct. 22, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$35,029.\frac{35}{100}$, charges $\$89\frac{67}{100}$, and net value $\$34,939.\frac{68}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Oct. 30, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Statistical Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

October 30, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Please state whether of the gold bullion deposited at the mint at New Orleans during the quarter ended September 30, 1888, deposits numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 15, 16, 21, 22, 31, 34, 37 and 48 (value $13,409.17) have been recorded according to the requirements of Art. 1, Sections 15 to 18, of the Regulations.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

October 30th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward by return mail if possible, a statement of the approximate value of the foreign coins deposited at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, giving the countries of coinage somewhat similar to the statement published on page 59 of my fiscal report for last year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 30th, 1888.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street
New York.

Nov. 1, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred and One $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,101.$\frac{62}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-nine $\frac{17}{100}$ Dollars ($149.$\frac{17}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars ($10250.$\frac{79}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis as shown by Memorandum No. – dated Oct. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 1, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Institution with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 1, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City Idaho.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 1, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts, of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the 3 months ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. See Certificate on Sept. Abstract Ordinary Expenses.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard

Silver Dollar Expense Accounts for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, with my approval, except bill of Levi Strauss & Co. in the Sept. Ordinary Account for 3 bales, 1630 yards, of Arctic Duck which is erroneously charged at 15¢ per yard instead of the Contract rate 11½¢.

The over-charge of \$57.05 is recommended to be disallowed.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 1st, 1888.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Nov. 1, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 29 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No.

dated Oct. 27, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10,280.$\frac{54}{100}$; Charges $29.$\frac{75}{100}$, and net value $10,250.$\frac{79}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 2, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Nov. 2, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Novr. 2d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9435

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Handy & Harman	225,000 Ounces,	at $0.9435.
Nesslage Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9435.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9435.
Fourth National Bank	40,000 Ounces,	at $0.9435.

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November 2, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Since my interview with you and the Melter and Refiner on the occasion of your recent visit to Washington, and since the advertisement was prepared for Bronze One-cent Blanks, it has become clear that it would be expedient to receive blanks in a state already annealed and cleaned ready for coining, in order to obviate the present wastage arising from at least the annealing of blanks instead of annealing the strips, and from the technical difficulty arising from the cleaning process in the coining department while blanks are really in the Custody of the Melter and Refiner.

Without committing yourself to any arrangement with Mr. Wharton, whose bid under the advertisement of October 15 you have recommended, I desire that you obtain from him the best terms he will make for delivery of the blanks already annealed and cleaned, before I act upon your recommendation.

It may be expedient to advertise anew for blanks annealed in the fillet, under the exigency represented to me as above referred to.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 2, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and thirty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar telegram addressed to:
Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Nov. 2, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and thirty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street,
New York.

Nov. 2, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball. Director.

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To the
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Tuesday being legal holiday in New York, Offers for the Sale of Silver will be received on Monday the 5th instant, and as the Mint will be closed on Tuesday, no deliveries of Silver will be received after Monday until Wednesday, the 7th instant.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Messrs Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Messrs. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay
#11 Wall Street, New York.

November 2, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Yours of November 1, 1888, enclosing a letter from Mr. Jos. Wharton of date of October 29, is received.

The authority sent you on the 17th of October for the acceptance of fifty thousand (50,000) pounds of Five-cent Nickel Blanks was intended to be in lieu of the authority sent you on the 11th of October for one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds, the contractor, under date of October 13 and 16, having protested, as it was understood, against further deliveries under the contract beyond the quantity of fifty thousand (50,000) pounds, to which he consented, as follows:

"For delivery from this date to the end of the year 1888 I am willing to supply to the Mint 50000 lbs. of nickel-copper coin blanks like those hitherto furnished at the price of 42 1-10 cents per pound."

I must say that I do not understand Mr. Wharton's present position, especially under the circumstance that delivery of the smaller amount was called for under the contract in a spirit of appreciation of the injustice, represented by him, in calling for deliveries in advance of actual requirements.

If however Mr. Wharton as now appears, prefers to deliver one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) pounds under the contract, --- fifty thousand (50,000) pounds before the first of January, 1889, and the remaining one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds at mutual convenience during the calendar year 1889--- or, in other words, chooses to understand, as he seems to, that the later authority for fifty thousand (50,000) pounds was not a supersedure of the previous one for one hundred thousand (100,000), there will be no objection to that understanding.

I do not admit, however, that the authority given you for the amount specified by Mr. Wharton as the only amount he was willing to deliver under the contract, is in any way affected by the circumstance that this authority did not specify that it was in place of authority for the larger amount, to the delivery of which he strenuously objected.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of September 28, there is no objection to your adopting the practice of the Assay Office at New York (as per letter of the Superintendent to you under date of September 24) in the matter of correcting on your Register of Deposits erroneous entries of gold deposits and silver deposits, except in the numerical substitution of subsequent deposits for previous ones transferred, when the latter are of earlier date than those substituted. Such an irregularity is avoidable by provisionally numbering the deposits with pen, and then finally with the machine stamp used.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer, at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 55,000 Ounces, at $0.9435

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary expense acct. for the month of July your attention is called to an error in the pay of R. Marquez, Pay roll General Department. The records of this Bureau show this mans appointment to have been approved at the rate of $3.50 per day and on the rolls for Augt. and Sept. this amount has been allowed, but on the roll in question he was paid at the rate of $3.00 per day. Please explain whether this was done intentionally and if so for what reason.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$50,000.- with Assistant Treasurer U. S. New York, and
$10,000.- with First National Bank Helena Montana.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Five Thousand Dollars ($555,000) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 5th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5th, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

Referring to certificate of Deposit No. 385 for $57.00, receipts for bullion assays, enclosed in your communication of the

19th instant your attention is directed to the fact that the instructions of this Bureau as to the kind of statement which is to be forwarded with such certificates is ignored at your office.

In order that there may be no possible doubt upon your part as to the requirements of the Department in this respect, you are again instructed to forward with each certificate of deposit covering the receipts from assays of ore and bullion, a statement showing the name of each person for whom assays were made, the amount paid you by each, and the date.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City.

Sir:

Please transmit by return mail copies of the press-copies on file of the Daily Statement of the Assay Office at Boisé City for September 1 and 2, 1884.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5th, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Boisé City, Ida.

Sir:

Silver mint receipt No. 11 belonging to your accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is herewith returned that the name of the depositor may be inserted.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause one million Silver dollars to be coined in November.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9435

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. D. No. 81 for $\$129^{74}$ being on account of Parting and refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "parting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

November 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. D. No. 82 for $1.49, being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Three similar letters, except as here noted, addressed:

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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C. D. No. 1186 for $26.04 + + + gain on bullion + + +
+ + + 30th ultimo + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 1187 for $77.58 + + + "charges" + + +
+ + + 30th ultimo + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 1188 for $11.60 + + + + grains + + + +
+ + + 30th ultimo + + + + + + + +

Nov. 5th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.-) and that $50,000.- of the amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $10,000.- with First National Bank at Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

November 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please fill the order of W. J. H. Edge, Cashier of the Bank of New Amsterdam, New York, for five hundred dollars ($500.) in one-dollar gold pieces (if possible, of this year's issue).

This is an uptown bank, through which I am sure the distribution of these gold pieces will be that which is most desirable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $555,000.- to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 5, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 5, 1888.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and thirty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Nov. 5, 1888.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and thirty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

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Director.

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